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By Ariel Bravy / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Fire alert: Smoke filled the air as firefighters battled flames early Friday evening (above). The strange spectacle, which caught the attention of students heading out for Labor Day weekend, was caused by a student's automobile catching on fire in front of 8th Street Apartments. A fire also occurred on the first floor of the 8th Street South Apartments last Thursday (right). The fire was set off in the kitchen when a student was cooking on the stove.

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Hurricane relief efforts continue

By Nikhil Joshi
Assistant News Editor

In response to the large number of refugees who came to Atlanta last week, a number of students and campus organizations have reached out by volunteering and beginning to raise funds.

The Office of the Dean of Students organized a volunteer force of students when it was informed last Friday that Alexander Memorial Coliseum would be used as an overflow shelter.

"We had about 90 people come in on Friday evening, but we had an overwhelming response from the Tech community," said Sarah Brackmann, assistant director of Student Involvement for Community Service.

Brackmann estimated that the number of daytime guests reached approximately 300 over the next few days. Brackmann's office and the Office of the Dean of Students worked to organize volunteers into

odd and even hour shifts. Brackmann said the volunteers worked 24 hours a day over the weekend when put together. Although the majority of volunteers were students, staff and faculty were also present.

"Students, faculty and staff provided services such as security and registration and helped as needed. On Friday night, when we discovered that we were out of towels, some students went around to different hotels and other locations collecting towels and bringing them back," she said.

SGA also took part in the effort at the shelter. "We have been working with Dean Gail and the Office of the Dean of Students to make sure that the needs of our visitors are met," said David Andersen, undergraduate student body president.

These efforts were somewhat hindered by inaccurate material

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Assistant Director of Student Involvement

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Yellow Jacket Park hosts 9/11 tribute

A group of individuals and student organizations organized a 9/11 flag memorial, which begins today with a moment of silence and will last through the weekend.

Almost 3,000 flags will be set up in Yellow Jacket Park, one to commemorate each life that was lost during the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001. Today and tomorrow, organizers will be requesting the sponsorship of a flag for \$1. All donations will go to the Red Cross.

This event is being supported by several groups on campus including Student Affairs, Diversity Programs, SGA and the Air Force ROTC.

Football shuffles parking zones

Parking and Transportation changed parking zones WR29 and W01 last week. WR29 permit holders may no longer park on Ferst Dr. as the zone containing those spots has been changed to W01.

The department has also announced that cars may not be parked on Hemphill Ave. during home football games this year to ease the flow of traffic. Vehicles left on Hemphill Ave. during gameday may be towed.

Information on other game day parking zone changes can be found at www.parking.gatech.edu.

Flag Building loses flags, future uncertain

By Eric Reid
Contributing Writer

The flags which once decorated the atrium of the Smithgall Student Services Building, commonly referred to as the 'Flag Building', were removed this summer for cleaning and building maintenance.

The flags were originally put up during the 1996 Olympic games, when Tech welcomed a host of international athletes to campus.

According to William Schafer, vice president of Student Affairs, the flags were removed for practical reasons.

Problems with the building's window seals allowed condensation to form between the panes. Schafer said the removal of the flags was necessary so that the seals could be replaced and the atrium painted. The flags are currently being stored in an office in the Smithgall Building.

In addition to the cleaning and maintenance needs, Schafer said he had received negative feedback on the flags' condition. "Some complaints [came] in to me about how bad they looked," Schafer said.

Upon their removal the flags were discovered to be unfit for display, as colors had faded and many of the edges had become ragged. This has prompted Schafer to consider alternate options for the atrium and for the flags themselves.

"When [the] atrium was designed, it was designed to be open,"



By Peter Jensen / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The Student Services Building gained its nickname, the Flag Building, from the flags (left) that no longer hang in the atrium (right).



By Charles Frey / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Schafer said. "My hope is that people don't make it a big deal."

"Right now, we're just working through the stage of fixing the building," he said.

Schafer said that he began receiving complaints soon after the removal of the flags. He said that a decision on the fate of the flags has not yet been made.

Schafer also dispelled some ru-

mors about their intended location. "They will not end up in the Global Learning Center," he said.

Schafer said that he is now seeking student input on a new design for the atrium. "We could do the same but maintain [the flags] better," he said.

"But if we do put them up, it should be done appropriately," he said, referring to both the condition

of the flags, their continual upkeep in the future and to the issue of full international representation among the flags.

Some students said they appreciated seeing the flags in the Smithgall building.

"I just like looking at so many flags. They signify the diversity of our campus and give a sense of unity. I don't mind where they put them up, as long as it's in a prominent place," Erin Epperson, a fourth-year Biology major, said.

"They definitely need to put something up in the atrium, though, not just leave it empty," Epperson said.

"Georgia Tech is known for its international students," said Laila Rifay, a second-year International Affairs major.

"Why don't they put [the flags] up somewhere else, like the Student Center? I would just like to see the flags displayed somewhere," Rifay said.

In addition to the replacement of the flags, other changes are being considered and implemented in the Smithgall Building.

For instance, Schafer said, one possibility is a flat screen in the atrium for information purposes. The old furniture in the atrium lobby has been replaced. Schafer said he hopes to make it a facility students can be proud of.

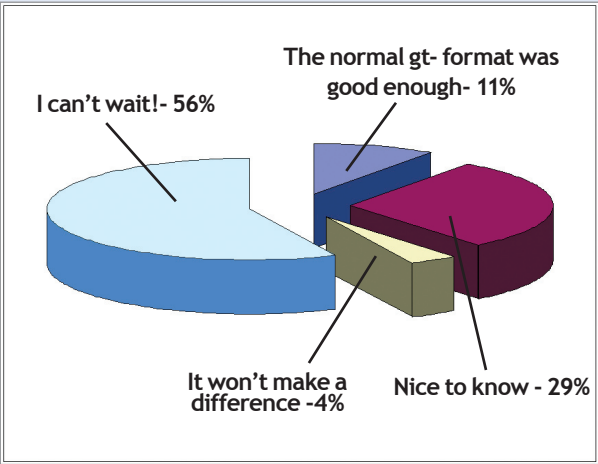
"I want to do other things to

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Technique Online Voice your opinion!

Last issue's question received 52 responses.

What do you think about OIT allowing email aliases?



By Lauren Griffin / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

This week's question:

Where should the Flag Building's flags go?

Tell us at www.nique.net



Agency assist
8/22/2005 15:30:00 hrs.
Location: Hemphill Avenue
Incident: Assisted agency with serving an outstanding arrest warrant..

Health- safety
8/22/2005 16:23:00 hrs.
Location: Student Center
Incident: Report of injured person treated by ambulance personnel.

8/24/2005 21:00:00 hrs.
Location: CRC
Incident: Report of injured person transported to Crawford Long Hospital.

From the files of the GTPD...
Campus Crime

Lost property
8/22/2005 17:18:00 hrs.
Location: 8th Street
Incident: Report of a lost wallet.

8/23/2005 14:30:00 hrs.
Location: Caldwell Residence Hall
Incident: Report of a lost wallet and its contents.

Theft
8/25/2005 0:41:00 hrs.
Location: CRC
Incident: Report of a stolen wallet.

Entering auto
8/23/2005 3:04:00 hrs.
Location: Techwood Drive
Incident: Offender arrested for entering auto.

Fire
8/23/2005 17:35:00 hrs.
Location: Area 1 and 2 Housing Office
Incident: Report of a small brush fire.

Criminal trespass
8/23/2005 21:37:00 hrs.
Location: Pi Kappa Phi house
Incident: Report that subject entered the residence.

Information
8/25/2005 6:32:00 hrs.
Location: Wardlaw Building
Incident: Report of a broken parking gate.

Corrections

The number of Bosnians killed in the genocide was incorrectly stated as 80,000 in the article titled 'Tech student gives keynote speech at United Nations' on page 11 last week. The number was actually 8,000.

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Council Clippings



Each week, elected members of the houses of the Student Government Association (SGA) meet to consider allocation bills and talk about campus issues. Here are summaries of those meetings.

Graduate Student Senate

Senate discusses picnic preparations

By Amanda Dugan
News Editor

The Graduate Student Senate passed no bills at their regular meeting Tuesday. The senators discussed their efforts for the Graduate Student Picnic and the possibility of bringing the comic strip author Jorge Cham to speak in October.

The minutes from last meeting were approved after a problem with the email list used to distribute them was addressed.

Mitch Keller, executive vice president, opened the meeting with his report. Keller asked for the senators to tell him anything he needed to be doing for the picnic that was held yesterday at the Campus Recreation Center (CRC).

The senators discussed changing the raffle ticket system from last year and signed up for times to work the check-in table. The senators also debated whether or not to use table clothes.

President Kasi David discussed the situation of the Tulane University international, graduate students in his report and reminded the senators of ways to volunteer. "We're going to extend an invitation for them to

Bills tabled

- Joint Allocation to Aarohi for sitar concert

join the picnic," David said.

The Internal Affairs Committee was the only committee to report. Senators said that problems with the bill system had led to multiple copies of bills, including three copies last week of the allocation for the Six Flags event. "Please remember to monitor the bill system. Bills need to have authors by noon on Sunday or they won't be on the agenda," Keller said.

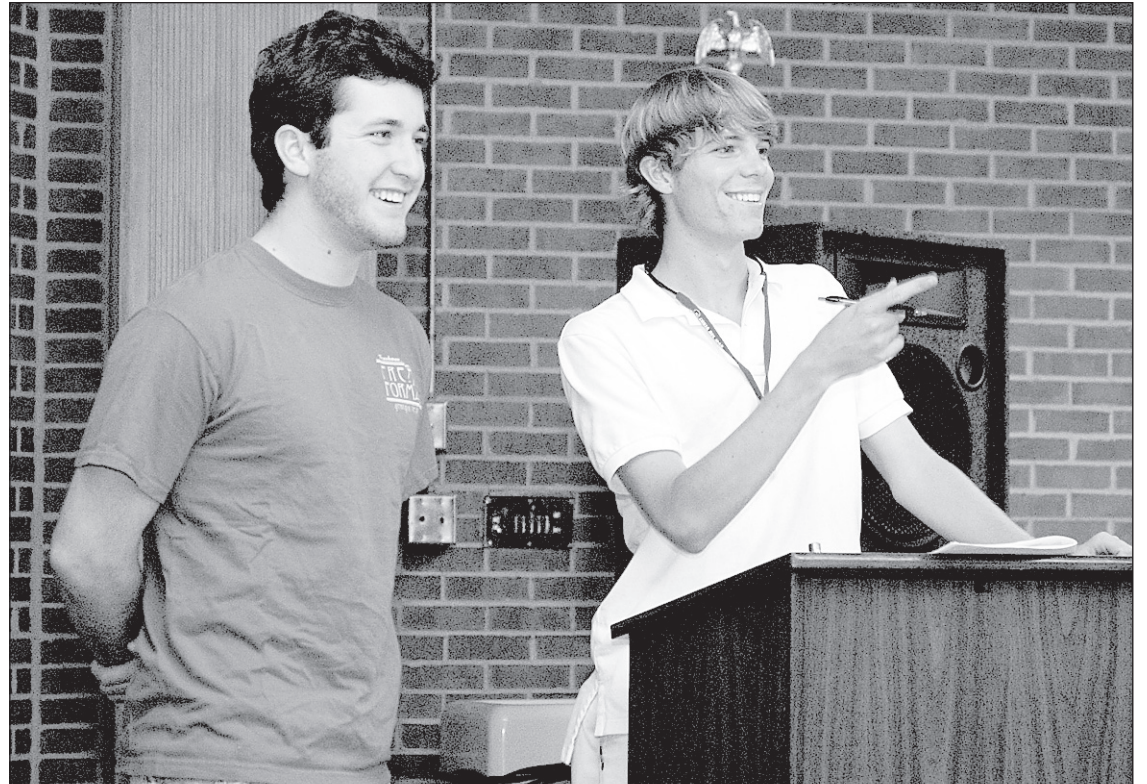
Senators also discussed the benefits and costs of bringing the author of graduate comic strip "Piled Higher and Deeper" and Tech alumnus, Jorge Cham, to campus for a talk in October. The senators said that they would like for Cham to come and that they would pursue a bookstore signing to help reduce costs.

A joint allocation to Aarohi for a sitar concert was postponed to the next meeting so that it could be referred to the Joint Finance Committee.

The meeting concluded with a request for graduate senators to serve on the Joint Finance Committee.

Undergraduate House of Representatives

UHR elects secretary, treasurer



By Robert Combier / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Patrick Cook and Aaron Bivins discuss GT Night at Six Flags. Cook and Bivins asked for volunteers for shuttle ticket distribution, information table workers and for decorating the park with white and gold.

By Arcadiy Kantor
Senior Staff Writer

The Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) passed one bill and held elections for several positions during their regular meeting on Tuesday.

The meeting commenced when Micah Lucas, Joint Finance Committee chair, said that budgets for student organizations are due on Sept. 30. Saira Amir, undergraduate vice president, also asked representatives to use the online bill submission system.

Raheel Goheer, vice president of Campus Affairs, spoke to inform the undergraduates that the Georgia Tech Cable Network (GTCN)

will rebroadcast UHR meetings on Wednesday nights.

David Andersen, undergraduate student body president, said he was proud of the campus's response to the arrival of students evacuated from Tulane University as a result of Hurricane Katrina. "It was great to see everybody come together to welcome them to Tech," he said.

Andersen said he recognized the efforts of students volunteering at the Alexander Memorial Coliseum, which is currently housing approximately 300 hurricane evacuees, and discussed plans for a Hurricane Katrina donation drive.

Andersen said donations will be collected at this weekend's football game against the University of North

Bills passed

- Appointment of council representatives

Carolina (UNC) and at a variety of points around campus. A number of student organizations are working with SGA in this effort. "I want to see all of you stay involved," he said.

Dean of Students Gail DiSabatino said she thanked students for their response to the arrival of the Tulane students on campus.

DiSabatino encouraged representatives to attend the event at Six Flags as a way of thanking themselves for a job well done.

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Sophomore President Patrick Cook discussed the status of planning for the Georgia Tech Night at Six Flags.

Cook said that approximately 4,000 tickets to the event were sold as of the time of the meeting and that Student Government anticipated another 1,000 to 1,500 tickets to be sold before Friday.

Cook also asked for volunteers

to help staff the event. He said that SGA would be distributing complimentary tickets to Six Flags to all Tulane students who are currently on campus.

Cook also praised his fellow representatives for their efforts in bringing the Six Flags night to fruition. "It's not a one-man effort," he said.

The undergraduates suspended the bylaws and addressed one bill that would have otherwise not come up for consideration until next week. This sole bill passed by the under-

graduates confirmed Andersen's appointments for Council Representatives. The three appointees, Emanuel Indrei, Chris Theodoridis and Chris VanAcker, were confirmed without discussion.

The House of Representatives also held elections for several positions within student government. After all of the candidates had the opportunity to speak before the representatives, the House went into an executive session to discuss the merits of the nominees.

Claudia Jones was elected to the position of Treasurer, Lauren Forbes was elected to the position of Honor Advisory Committee (HAC) chair and Will Welch, Paul Byrne and Aaron Marr were elected as members-at-large. Aaron Bolduc, who ran unopposed for the position of secretary, was also elected.

The meeting concluded after DiSabatino said for representatives to get word out to students to be welcoming of all fans at the football game against UNC this weekend.

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make the building more attractive to students...you make it look good and people [say] 'wow, thanks for doing that'," Schafer said.

Schafer said he appreciates the dedication of Facilities for taking responsibility of many for the repairs and updates.

Over the summer, Facilities also replaced carpets in many of the offices.

Come to the *Technique's* weekly meeting
Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Room 137 of the
Student Services Building
There is free pizza, drinks, and no
experience necessary.

OSI adds faculty conference option

By Amanda Dugan
News Editor

The Office of Student Integrity (OSI) has introduced the option of adjudicating honor code violations through a faculty conference in addition to the judiciary process that was and continues to be in effect.

A faculty conference allows a faculty member to meet with a student, reach a decision and then send the decision or the case to the OSI following the discovery of an alleged cheating occurrence.

"A few years ago we had a committee whose goal was to look at the whole academic integrity process. The conference option came out of that," said Karen Boyd, senior associate dean of student life.

During the development process Tech examined options at five peer institutions. "It's different depending on where you go," Boyd said.

Boyd said it was decided to offer the faculty conference option in addition to the judiciary process that had previously been the only course of action. "It is an option, but everything else is still available," Boyd said.

As part of offering the faculty conference option Boyd said the Office of Student Integrity (OSI) is providing more guidelines and information to both students and faculty on their website. Boyd also said that one advantage to having faculty conferences is increased communication between the faculty member and the student. "If a student

did do something, even minor, the faculty will be more open with the violation," Boyd said.

"Students are going to talk to faculty and faculty are going to talk to the students," she said.

"A lot of students come into counseling saying they just want to talk to faculty but have been told not to because of the process," said Mitch Keller, a mathematics graduate student and Honor Advisory Council (HAC) member.

Students will be able to immediately hear from faculty and discuss

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Mitch Keller
HAC Member

the problem if the new option is used according to Boyd.

If a faculty member and student chose to have a faculty conference it could decrease the time the process take. Boyd said the typical judiciary process takes one to two weeks on average, but can take months in the worst-case scenario.

"With the new process it could be resolved within 30 minutes of the faculty talking to the student. Reasonably, we should expect that

it will take more in the 1-2 week range," Boyd said.

Faculty can still choose to bring issues directly to the OSI and students can also bring concerns OSI. "The biggest challenge is going to be the faculty and students knowing enough to implement it fairly; making the students' and faculty's experience as close to others across the board," Boyd said.

Boyd said she thinks the faculty may be hesitant to use conferences until they hear success stories.


Keller said that he feels that faculty who have not used the judiciary process may address honor code violations now, but also that many faculty may choose to use the old method. "I think for a lot of cases faculty will continue to do things as they have always done them," Keller said.

One problem the OSI has addressed is consistency between judiciary decisions and faculty conferences. Boyd said that neither one is meant to provide a tougher punishment. "We are attempting to be consistent by providing last year's resolutions," Boyd said.

"We focused on figuring out how to do that [ensure fairness]. So a student's rights weren't injured and the faculty could be informed and defensible."

Boyd said that faculty should remember that academic integrity sanctioning guidelines are precisely that, guidelines, and that individual

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By Charles Frey / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Prices soar: Hurricane Katrina contributed to sending gas prices to an all-time high last week. Tech students felt the pinch as they traveled to Auburn to cheer on the Jackets last weekend.

Relief

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published on Wednesday in local news media, which stated that the coliseum was closed due to scheduling conflicts. In an email sent on Wednesday to students, faculty and staff, President Wayne Clough dispelled these rumors, writing that the coliseum would remain open to hurricane victims until today.

SGA will also be coordinating efforts to raise money during this weekend's football game against the University of North Carolina. Working with the Athletic Association, SGA will be organizing bucket brigades. These volunteers will be standing at every gate collecting money approximately 15 minutes before the game begins until 15 minutes after kickoff. Organizations that have signed up to assist with this include Ambassadors, Georgia Tech Student Foundation, African American Student Union, National Society of Black Engineers and the Minority Recruitment Team. Andersen said another brigade would be organized for the Sept. 17 game against the University of Connecticut if it is successful.

In addition, students in different organizations have been participating in separate fundraising and clothes drives, many of which began this Tuesday, to help hurricane victims. According to the Office of Community Service, students have set a fundraising goal of \$50,000. Several student organizations, both Greek and non-Greek, will be collecting money to give to the Red Cross at tables on Skiles Walkway until Sept. 20. Institute Partnerships, SGA and MOVE have begun a clothing drive that will last until



By Ariel Bravy / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Jennifer Dhir (left), Viji Sundaram (center) and Neil Patel (right) take donations on Skiles Walkway for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Sept. 24; some of these clothes will go to hurricane victims. Additionally, several Greek organizations,

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Sarah Brackmann
Assistant Director of Student Involvement

Christian Campus Fellowship and other organizations are holding their own fundraisers and drives. The Office of Community Service will continue to collect donations through Oct. 1. All donations will go to the Red Cross.

“The effort put forth so far has been very successful,” Brackmann

said.

As part of several long-term goals, the office is planning community service trips to areas affected by the hurricane. Brackmann said that a community service trip to New Orleans is currently being discussed. An alternative spring break location in Mississippi or Louisiana is also a possibility, Brackmann said.

Andersen said that SGA also has other long-term plans that he would like to see go through; the organization is currently pushing to have Buzzcard readers to accept donations outside Woodruff and Brittain dining halls and for the Bursar's office to accept credit card donations online.

“Although this is still in the planning stage, it is something we are pushing for. These are great ways to raise money because sometimes students want to give [donations], but don't have cash on them. We've

gotten good responses from both the Bursar's Office and Auxiliary Services,” Andersen said.

Andersen said that he was pleased with the response of students and of the university as a whole. “I'm very happy to see the campus and everybody in the Georgia Tech community come together to make this a priority. People have put off agenda items and Labor Day plans to service those in need,” he said.

“It's important to understand the impact this has on people around the country and on people here at Tech. I just want them to know that SGA and everyone on campus is here to support them,” he said.

Tech also opened up its undergraduate and graduate admissions for students enrolled in universities located in areas affected by Katrina.

As of Wednesday, 55 students were enrolled under this policy which allows students to stay for one semester. These students may

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David Andersen
Undergraduate Student Body President

reapply after the semester is over if they wish to remain at Tech. Free Six Flags tickets were also provided for the Tulane students who are visiting or enrolled at Tech.

Faculty

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cases may differ. “It is not a single process across the board, it is an educated decision,” Boyd said.

“There are no hard and fast rules. Faculty can use discretion,” Keller said.

Students who have already had an honor code violation are not eligible to use the faculty conference option. “A thing for a student to know is that if they have had a violation in the past, even if they meet with a faculty member, it is going to get forwarded,” Boyd said.

Boyd said that faculty and students should be aware of their rights throughout the process. “Students always have the right to request a hearing. But, they have to request a hearing within 6 calendar days. It's their job to inform us they are concerned about something,” Boyd said.

Keller said that he thinks faculty will use the process responsibly, but that students should still understand their rights. “Students need to feel comfortable talking to advisors to know how the process should be,” Keller said.

“You aren't stuck with the faculty members decision, you can appeal,” Boyd said.

Both students and faculty are encouraged to contact the OSI to better understand the process Boyd said. “If students or faculty ever have questions, our counselors are available to answer questions make sure people are aware,” Boyd said.

“Someone from the dean's office would love to sit in on the meeting, not to stick up for faculty or the student, but for the process,” Keller said.

Boyd leaves to further education

By Arcadiy Kantor
Senior Staff Writer

After seven years at Tech, Karen Boyd, senior associate dean of students, will be departing to pursue graduate studies at the end of the month.

"I've been planning to go to graduate school for a while, to get my Ph.D., but over the span of seven years I never was able to physically start my Ph.D. program," Boyd said.

Boyd will be studying Student Affairs and Administration at the University of Georgia (UGA). "I jokingly say that I couldn't get my Ph.D. at Georgia Tech, both because it's extremely difficult and it's not in my field...so I had to go to an easier school," Boyd said.

"[UGA] is a very good school for what I'm doing...if I were looking nationally at programs, it would be one of the programs that would be considered."

Boyd said that the graduate program will better equip her for making an impact on students. "I realized personally that in my field, to do it well, you need to have that seminal experience," she said, "I want to challenge myself to be able to do the next level up. And that would require [the graduate] program."

Boyd decided to depart this semester because of a graduate assistantship that will allow her to study full-time while expanding her skill set. "I get to work in the academic side of the house, which is something student affairs professionals don't get very often," she said. "It's just an opportunity I couldn't pass up."

With a graduate degree, Boyd said she will have the opportunity to serve in positions that will em-

power her to implement large-scale programs and changes. "I would like the opportunity to make big picture impacts on students' ability to benefit from their education, to be more successful," she said.

Boyd said several experiences stood out as particular highlights from her seven years at Tech. One of these was the NCAA basketball Final Four celebration in spring 2004. "I participated with a group planning how the Institute would respond, and...one of my favorite things was to watch the look on our

Boyd said. "All 13 of those things have been implemented and have resulted in a substantial change in students' reported cheating behaviors as well as students' reported tolerance of others cheating."

"Students say that they'll confront their peers substantially more than they said they would before the honor code happened," she added. "Honestly, I'd rather not be dealing with students who cheated, I'd rather them be confronted before they do it."

"I think we've seen a significant improvement in students' abilities to review their decision making and make better choices. They've learned how to be more ethical in the environment they're in



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Karen Boyd
Sr. Associate Dean of Students

students' faces when they got that experience," she said.

"It was really rewarding to see our students that excited and happy about something about Georgia Tech."

"The part that was most gratifying to me was [that] the plan that the Dean of Students office and the Student Affairs staff and the Institute at large put together helped students have a good, fun, positive time with no damage to the Institute or its reputation."

Boyd also said she is proud of the way the Institute handled the Computer Science cheating scandal in 2002. That incident, in which 187 students were accused of cheating on assignments for introductory CS classes, led to sweeping changes in College of Computing and Institute policy. "There were 13 recommendations that were made immediately following the CS cheating case,"

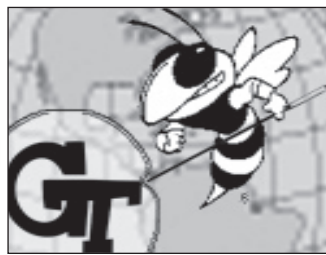
right now, and I think that's going to extrapolate to when they get out of Tech."

Boyd said she feels the Institute has continuously bettered itself in her time here and that she expects it to continue to do so. "I think that Tech, before I got here, had a vision for its future: That it was going to be an important academic player in the future, both for students and academia at large. And I believe that the changes I've seen over the last seven years have truly brought it into the 21st century," she said.

Boyd said she leaves Tech on an optimistic note. "The vision that we have as an institute, with the undergraduate research and an international plan, is going to make all the difference in the world for this place," she said. "I believe in Georgia Tech. I believe it's what it says it is. I think it's the real deal and I want great things for it."

Breaking *the* Bubble

A lot of things went on outside the bubble of Tech in the past week. Here are a few important events taking place throughout the nation and the world.



Supreme Court Chief Justice Rehnquist dies

Chief Justice William Rehnquist passed away last Saturday at the age of 80. Rehnquist was diagnosed last October with thyroid cancer.

Rehnquist was appointed to the Supreme Court by President Nixon in 1972. He replaced Warren Burger as Chief Justice in 1986, under President Reagan. A conservative republican, Rehnquist was often a lone dissenter early in his career, but then became part of a conservative majority (5-4) in his years as Chief Justice.

According to CNN, Supreme Court spokeswoman Kathy Arberg said that he had "continued to perform his duties on the Court until a precipitous decline in his health the last couple of days."

President Bush nominated Judge John Roberts to fill Rehnquist's position on Monday.

California passes first gay marriage bill

The legislature of the state of Calif. became the first to uphold a bill permitting same-sex marriage Tuesday. The state's Assembly approved the bill 41-35 one week after the state's Senate approved it with a vote of 21-15.

Currently, Californians who register as domestic partners are given similar rights and duties as married couples.

The Assembly had rejected a similar bill by a margin of four in

June. In the bill passed by the Assembly last week, four Democrats who voted to pass the bill had previously abstained from voting.

Although Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger expressly supports same-sex marriages, advocates fear that he may veto the bill. Schwarzenegger said, according to an article published by the Associated Press, that the issue was up to the courts.

A state appellate court is reviewing the appeal of a lower-court ruling which had overturned the statewide ban of the recognition of same-sex marriages. "[Schwarzenegger] will uphold whatever the court decides," spokeswoman Margita Thompson told AP.

Currently same-sex marriages are legal only in Massachusetts.

Baghdad limits travel to odd license plates

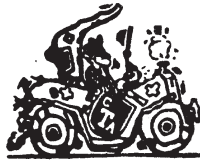
The government of Iraq created a new rule which kept a large portion of motorists in the country's capital of Baghdad off the streets Tuesday. The ruling was made in response to fears that Iraq, whose oil reserves are the world's third-largest, might run out of fuel. Shortages have also resulted in a black market for gasoline.

Officials declared that only motorists with cars whose license plates ended in odd numbers could drive on the streets.

According to CNN, Deputy Prime Minister Ahmad Chalabi, who also runs the nation's oil sector, said that the rule's purpose was "to reduce the intensive demand for fuel."

OPINIONS

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Quote of the week:

"There is always some madness in love.
But there is also always some reason in
madness."
—Friedrich Nietzsche

OUR VIEWS CONSENSUS OPINION

Flagless Building

While the temporary removal of the flags from the Flag Building because of maintenance is understandable and necessary, it should not have passed unannounced and largely unnoticed.

On the part of the administration, the removal of the flags should have been communicated to the students, faculty and staff who refer daily to the building by its flags.

The final decision on the flags should incorporate the input of the Tech community, whether through responses to the change or a lack thereof; the current situation is temporary, and student input is needed.

While some might view the issue of the flags as trivial, the flags are part of everyday campus lingo and make up the identity of the building itself. Furthermore, each flag is a source of pride to the students whose home countries they represent.

A decision to put the flags up, however, must be carefully weighed. To replace the flags would mean a significant monetary investment for our school, but simply putting the flags back up would only delay inevitable problems, as the current flags are sorely in need of repair and are not representative of the current student body.

Honor Code changes

The recent changes to the Honor Code now allow faculty members to handle honor violations on a more personal basis. They may now address issues by meeting directly with students and involving the Office of Student Integrity (OSI) in a more indirect capacity. This change reflects the willingness of the OSI to make the Honor Code friendlier to students.

Now both faculty and students have greater options in dealing with honor violations, so that they can find a situation that will be more comfortable for them in an extremely uncomfortable process.

While many faculty and students may still prefer to default to OSI than deal with the possibility of uncomfortable confrontations, those who do decide to take the new route will be able to cut through much of the red tape and waiting which are common in Honor Code violation hearings.

The new policy will also encourage greater interaction between faculty and students dealing with violations, minimizing the potential of misunderstandings and animosity.

Consequently, the changes do add a greater level of complexity to the honor system that could potentially be confusing. We recommend that all students familiarize themselves with the Honor Code and its policies. "I didn't know," is still not a good excuse for an honor violation.

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By Erin Gatlin / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Engage in active communication

Aristotle believed that nothing in nature exists by accident. From this he reasoned that humans could only have the "faculty of language" because they are meant to interact and be "political animals." An essential part of being human is being part of a community that, get this, "communicates."

Using this rationale it seems an easy conclusion that as a community Tech necessitates open communication between students and instructors. However, often this seemingly simple concept is ineffectual in practice. Students and faculty must recognize the problem and their responsibilities if the lines of communication are to improve, or in the worst cases be opened for the first time.

My own experience interacting with professors at Tech has been a mixed bag. I started off my freshman year knowing several professors because of a summer research program. It was a great experience interacting with professors outside of a classroom setting. I had a chance to learn what they study and for them to understand my interests.

Once fall classes started however, limited time and increased pressure forced more constricted relations.

Limited time and an abundance of work are the two biggest factors that affect faculty-student relationships, except in those cases where the student or faculty member is apathetic to begin with.

In a utopia, the Institute would have enough professors so that no one was overloaded between research and teaching, and students would have enough time to intellectually pursue interests related to a class and get the required coursework finished. But in the real world the clock reamins a factor that will continue to exist.

Faculty members need to be conscious of making time to correspond with students, as it is incredibly ben-



"Students should not wait to reach out to instructors only when an emergency or situation dictates it."

Amanda Dugan
News Editor

eficial to building this community of scholars.

In terms of combating apathy, responsible students must recognize that they have to stay engaged in the course material in order to add to the intellectual conversation that is learning. Responsible instructors must be responsive to students' requests for information beyond what is covered in lecture notes, that is too often time robotically distributed throughout large lecture classes.

Even given the restraints that exist, there are professors who set the standard when it comes to stretching students further beyond a standard curriculum.

A current professor's syllabus includes the comment to visit his office hours early and often, what a great way to reach out to students and encourage frankness.

I asked another professor this semester to talk about questions the day's lecture had brought up and ended up having the most stimulating talk on politics as they exist in the sciences. I don't expect every professor to be available all the time, but they must make themselves accessible some of the time.

Students should not wait to reach out to instructors only when an emergency or situation dictates it.

My first semester I was good about meeting with my professors; however, my second semester I was so busy that I didn't have conversations with all of my professors until my grandmother passed away. They

were all very helpful and open in what was a difficult time, but it forced me to realize that the time to knock on a professor's door is not when you need to ask a favor or explain an absence.

A recent addition to how honor code violations can be handled is encouraging open communication in the worst of circumstances. It is never a good thing when a professor suspects a student of cheating; however, creating an even playing field where a faculty member can discuss their suspicions directly with a student is a step in the right direction.

By introducing this option, Tech is working towards an environment where neither the student nor the instructor feels that they are unable to talk to each other about their concerns.

No system of communication is perfect; there are missed meanings, missed undertones and missed opportunities that happen no matter how great the relationship behind a conversation.

However, a great thing about relationships is that they are dynamic; just because a relationship has existed one way for so long does not mean it is static.

If students and faculty acknowledge both their mutual limitation of time and their desire to learn beyond what is already presented, they can work to open the floodgates of communication and accessibility on campus.

Honor Code needs clarification on Word

All freshmen are bound to face the following situation: it's the day before your first math test and you have no idea what to expect or how to prepare. You turn to an upper-classman for advice and he says, "Just use Word."

What is Word? At Tech, the term refers to exams, quizzes and coursework from previous years. The most available type of Word on campus is old exam material. To some students, like members of organizations that distribute Word, it is not only a means of attracting members but also a time-honored tradition. For others, Word clearly exemplifies a cheating behavior that compromises fairness.

While students often do obtain Word legitimately, its distribution engenders difficult ethical and policy issues. The current policy is not clear enough to minimize ethical gray areas. It gives suggestions rather than requirements, leaving professors with the room to be unclear.

Take the student whose professor has said nothing about Word. He or she may feel that using Word is equivalent to cheating (as it usually is in high school,) but knows for sure that others will be using old tests to prepare. Not only does this make the class unfair, but it also could provoke him to take an action against his own code of ethics.



"Banning the use of Word is not the best option, but the policy should be rewritten."

Nikhil Joshi
Assistant News Editor

Consider the situation in which the teacher allows Word, but makes no mention of it on the syllabus and does not provide old or practice exams. Again, the student must face the truth that students who use old exams will unjustly affect the grade distribution. An equally bad outcome is when the student wants but cannot find old exams.

In a larger sense, these situations compromise the integrity of the institution. The policy should be rewritten, with stronger language, in order to force professors to be clear beyond any shade of doubt.

This is what the Honor Code attempts to do, but it falls short. Despite its preciseness in other areas, the code leaves a considerable amount of interpretation up to the professor concerning Word. Section 4 of Article II of the Honor Code says, "Faculty members are expected to create an environment in which honesty flourishes."

Labeled "Faculty Responsibilities," Section 4 goes on to list several recommendations to instructors: "Make known... as specifically as possible what constitutes appropriate academic conduct as well as what comprises academic misconduct. This includes but is not limited to the use of previously submitted work, collaborative work on homework, etc."

Other relevant points include "Provide copies of old exams to the Georgia Tech library for students to review," and "Avoid the re-use of exams." The section also states that professors should include a paragraph regarding the Honor Code in their syllabus.

The problem lies in the weakness of the message; the points mentioned in the Honor Code are "expectations" rather than strict requirements. In addition to the Honor Code, the Honor Advisory Council wrote a bulletin addressed to faculty directing teachers to "substantially reduce

the 'gray areas' in regards to academic misconduct for every assignment, test, quiz, etc."

The bulletin urged instructors to inform students of the appropriateness of Word in their classes, stating, "The main reason why students use these materials is that in many courses professors do not change their coursework from semester to semester. The best way to deal with this problem is to alter your tests."

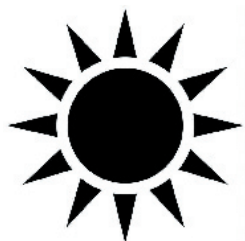
Again, although this may be good advice, professors are not required to follow it. Some chose simply to avoid the issue of Word. Students are then left to wonder if it is legal to use Word, why is there no mention of it on the syllabus? Is it a discouraged but legal activity, or is it encouraged?

In order to avoid these questions, the Honor Code should require teachers to post a clear policy on Word in their syllabi. It should also require teachers to provide students with old and/or practice exams if they expressly permit the use of Word in their classes. In short, the Honor Code should force teachers to be clear. This is the only way to ensure certainty and fairness.

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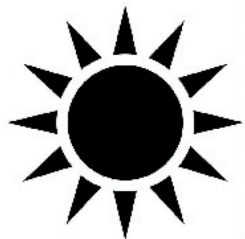
Taming the Tigers

The Jackets once again started the year with a Tiger trouncing. Tech's defense was stifling, Calvin Johnson displayed his regular acrobatics early on, and Reggie Ball turned in a solid performance to start the season. P.J. Daniels rushed for over 100 yards, showing no signs of last year's nagging injuries. Tech plays North Carolina at home at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow.



Media bungles

The media really dropped the ball Wednesday when they reported that Tech was closing the Coliseum to refugees due to scheduling conflicts. We aren't seeking glory and credit for the aid we've been providing hurricane victims, but we don't deserve blame, especially not wrongly-placed blame. Next time the media should check their facts before making accusations.



Nerdfest '05

Tech nerds reveled at the annual Dragon*Con. True Destiny brought Dragon*Con, Atlanta and Labor Day weekend together so that students could pull away from their schoolwork and make it out to enjoy the many ornate costumes and the parade down Peachtree. Tech may be a Nerd Nirvana after all.



Bye bye Boyd

The Tech community will sorely miss Dean Boyd's friendly presence when she leaves us later this month. A leader of the community for seven years, Dean Boyd has made her mark on campus and in our hearts. Despite the fact that she will be heading off to UGA, we wish her the best of luck in the future.

YOUR VIEWS LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Race taints relief efforts

Though there was no water, no food and no electricity in New Orleans after the hurricane, America would rather cross an ocean to restore order than make a short drive to one of our favorite party towns.

Several experts say that the trapped citizens could survive for three days without the bare essentials they lacked, yet in last Friday's *AJC* (four days after the tragedy), a headline read "Helpers sit, Wait to Deploy."

We can only speculate about why these victims were not attended to in a timely manner, but in an era of buzzwords like

"homeland security," it bothers me that my email and book list can be perused, but reports from the Army Corps of Engineers and hurricane simulations that told us that this very event could happen at any time are overlooked.

Now many cringe at implications of racial motivation, yet the *AJC* specifies that New Orleans officials knew full well that in the event of a large hurricane, 200,000 citizens would not be able to evacuate, but they decided that these people could not be accommodated ("No plan ever made to

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Around the Campus

Where would you like to study abroad?



Christin Leroy
Third-year ID

"Spain."



Sidney Hale
Senior ECE

"Iceland."



Robert Poppell
First-year ARCH

"Africa."



Sabrina Walczak
Senior IE

"Venezuela."

Photos by Ben Keyserling

Letter

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help New Orleans' most vulnerable" on 9/1/05.) It just so happens that the vast majority of the aforementioned group are poor blacks.

So while we were declared to be 100 percent humane decades ago, we now find out that our citizenship is still proportional to our gross income.

We were tagged looters and anarchists, and it bothers me that a desperate minority is blasted across airwaves to represent me and my fellow black students and citizens, just as we are named BOLO on various bulletin boards across campus.

It is ironic that we enjoyed the drama of MTV's *The Real World* as it was taped in a mansion that is shouting distance from the drama of the real world.

New Orleans is unique in that the poorest projects share the blocks with the biggest mansions, thus reminding the disadvantaged of how little they are considered.

Yet we wonder what drives this madness when they reach for their piece of the "American dream" by seizing the opportunity that rose from the chaos.

I just hope that we will turn our ears to the birthplace of jazz when she cries the blues. But then again, no one will believe that there is an issue unless I tell them in my best Dave Chappelle voice.

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Find sense of self in aftermath of devastation

The following column marks the beginning of a new series for the Technique.

Voice of the Community will provide a forum for all members of Tech—students, faculty and staff—to bring forth their opinions on thought-provoking issues that affect us all.

Different from a letter to the editor, the purpose of the column is not to respond to the paper itself, but to address the campus as a whole, provide insight, exchange ideas and bring vital concerns to the forefront.

With so many depressing events occurring simultaneously around the world, sadly to say, I'm having trouble deciding which headline to be most depressed about. How do I know which humanitarian causes deserve more than a brief cessation from daily activity?

This inundation of bad news is causing us all to live with a certain level of desensitization, which can produce apathy. "AIDS Epidemic Rages in Africa." "Innocent Lives Lost at the Cost of Democracy in the Middle East." "Suicide Bomber Kills Bus Load." Click! Next channel, please.

We turn off the latest televised tragedy and go out with friends just as we would leave a disaster movie and go out to dinner.

Now the city of New Orleans and the Gulf Coast are broadcasting a message that is not as easily turned off and forgotten: for those living in shelters of complacency—wake up!



"I challenge you to focus on at least one cause, ranging from local to international charity, and break out of your closed cycle."

Brian Srikanthana
Second-year BME

These people are remarkably like us; they could be in fact, our families and friends—our world.

My media—computers, newspapers, and TVs—tell me a story for which I still await the credits to roll.

But they don't. Instead, more scenes flow from places not far away. It's hard to tune out and become lost in ourselves as we may customarily do.

America breeds an equality that has strong potential to erode any appearance of individuality. We work hard and for what? To buy our BMWs, mini mansions, Birkenstocks and Nike Shocks. "Why?" you ask.

Because the TV said so. Because I want my BMW, too. Because we're fitting in with mainstream culture.

America's middle class is being branded by our franchises and cable TVs, none of which should have anything to do with who we really

are. Yet our focus on these superficial elements isolates us from the world beyond and from ourselves.

Too many of us live by the dictates of pop culture (MTV/BET/CMT) and the influence of mass media. Too few ask, "Is MTV portraying my culture, or am I becoming MTV's culture?"

Ever heard the quotation, "If you win the rat-race, you're still a rat"? This is my challenge: embrace middle-class America while reclaiming your self-identity.

Let me explain. Generally speaking, we behave as we were raised to: if you went to church, synagogue, temple or mosque, you did so because your parents did; you ate your mother's cooking not necessarily because it was your favorite food, but rather because that's what was for dinner.

Admittedly, your parents' significantly affected your lifestyle.

For most, though, despite the jocular threats of becoming replicas

of our parents, we are at least by some minimal degree singular.

As time goes by, many of us may gain an appreciation or preference for foods that were not offered on Momma's dinner table and this is because we breached what was known, whether that was an accident or on purpose.

We are more than our immediate environments. Unfortunately, too few actively break out of their immediate circles of influence to analyze why they are the way they are.

Katrina with all her devastation reminds us that not all is well with the world and, yes, life and needs do exist outside our circle of friends, social events, and plans.

People like us are suffering terribly, and we identify with them. Did we identify less with tsunami victims several months ago?

Do we remember that over 220,000 died in that tsunami?

I challenge you to focus on at least one cause, ranging from local to international charity, and break out of your closed cycle. Actively seek to define yourself and your singular values.

Let Katrina remind us that our sense of individuality and our belief in what constitutes fullness of life greatly depend upon our willingness to wake up and actively interact with the world at large.

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BAMBOO CEILING

Is Eastern culture and tradition actually holding Asian-Americans back from success in corporate America? Page 14

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The drama, action and romance of *The Phantom of the Opera* hits the Atlanta theatre scene. Page 23



Tech explores educational prospects in India, China

Students may soon take classes in East Asia thanks to planned overseas campus expansion forays

By Usha Kantheti
Contributing Writer

"Georgia Tech will define the technological research university of the twenty-first century and educate the leaders of a technologically-driven world," said President Wayne Clough in his State of the Institute address in 2004.

So it comes as no surprise that Tech embarked on this very mission by exploring educational opportunities stretching far beyond U.S. border and into China and India.

Tech's initiatives in China began earlier this year. Dean Terry Blum of the College of Management, along with other faculty members, made the trip to China in May.

They visited Shanghai Jiao Tong University in Shanghai and Tsinghua University and Peking University in Beijing—China's elite universities.

The faculty at the College of Management was "very interested in bringing a two-way handshake between China and the United States in terms of educational opportunities and other collaborations," Blum said.

The Georgia Tech team was well received at the Chinese universi-

ties, who were eager to build an educational relationship with the United States.

"They couldn't have been more cordial [in their reception]," Blum said. "Georgia Tech's reputation [in China] is absolutely outstanding."

A university delegation has since returned the visit. "We have two colleagues from Shanghai Jiao Tong who are in residence here for the semester...taking some classes

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Terry Blum
Dean, College of Management

and collaborating with the faculty. So the relationship is moving along quite quickly," Blum said.

Although there are currently study abroad programs in China, Blum said that this new initiative will be much more in-depth and will involve learning the language and culture as much as learning

field-related courses.

"It's not just an add-on to the degree; it's a different flavor of a degree," Blum said. "I think this is going to change the content of what's being learned."

The team expects to open a Tech campus in China; however, no plans regarding the scope of this program are final.

"We will go everywhere from the possibility of Georgia Tech degrees all the way down to a year...or a week experience," Blum said.

"It's the continuum of possibilities and opportunities for students to experience learning for the new world order; it is not a one-size-fits-all."

There are similar talks underway between Tech and the Indian government to open a Tech campus in India.

GT in India, a committee appointed by the Provost to head this initiative, visited the country in December 2004.

The Committee toured several cities in India and met with state and central government officials.

"We see ourselves as a partner with the [Indian] government and the industry to facilitate economic development, research, and joint benefits," said Vijay Madisetti, Pro-



Photo courtesy of Terry Blum

Dean Blum recently visited China to talk to the country's top three universities about possibilities of expanding Tech's campus to Asia.

fessor and Chair of GT in India.

"Georgia Tech is highly regarded as a technological university," Madisetti said.

"Tech is uniquely positioned because its focus adds to its advantage. They know exactly why we're there: for technology."

Many companies, such as Mo-

torola and Texas Instruments, have thousands of engineers in India, Madisetti said, but lack the supporting infrastructure in research and development.

"By positioning ourselves so that we are on the ground there first as a

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Students move garage sales to new domain—cyberspace

eBay, USPS aid students in selling anything from textbooks to campers in online business ventures



Photo courtesy eBay

A high-tech renovated school bus is used outside an eBay Small Business tour with special presentations by experts. It is used to teach budding entrepreneurs to use eBay and the USPS for small businesses.

By Swathy Prithivi
Focus Editor

Worried about the mounting textbook costs? Concerned about low buyback prices for used textbooks? Well you're not alone.

The findings of a recent survey in August 2005 by Half.com by eBay showed that about 55 percent of college students this year will dip into savings to pay for textbooks.

The survey also showed that one in six students avoided taking or dropped a class because the textbooks were too expensive.

It also doesn't help having two-thirds of the students surveyed classify themselves as "financially breaking even" or "flat broke" in

spite of having more than 75 percent of students working full-time or part-time.

Starting a small business buying and selling used textbooks would be an ideal way to earn or save some money.

Students can now do that, with relatively less effort than other entrepreneurial ventures, through eBay and Half.com. Over 724,000 people are currently earning a primary or secondary income selling on eBay.

eBay and the United States Postal Service (USPS) recently conducted a Small Business Tour in the Atlanta area to teach and train their customers in methodologies for growing their online business by bringing in experts from eBay, USPS and

Entrepreneur magazine.

"I've sold ten and thousands of items on eBay ranging from very small tiny things to vehicles, motor cycles. I've even sent a 40-foot camper to Paris, France. Just illustrates that a world wide market is there," said Robert Kopczynski, a postal employee and a trainer, said.

"I think students have a great head start to the general public because of their computer skills."

"College textbooks are a huge market on eBay and with college kids paying for their own books, I would not hesitate in selling them on Half.com or eBay immediately since they go out of date," Kopczynski said.

"Enough textbooks sell in a year on Half.com to place a book on

every seat of every Division I-A & I-AA college football stadium in the U.S.," said Ali Croft from eBay and Half.com's Corporate Communications team.

"Find the best way to sell your books, depending on the condition of your book and how many other books are out there," Croft said.

"I would say start small. Just plan on the growth because as much work as you're willing to do, there are people out there who will come and buy your item," Kopczynski said.

"The trend I've noticed among college students is that after a summer job or a break job they come home and talk to their parents. They raid the attic or basement and find suitable items to sell on eBay and work out some sort of split

lars over the summer doing it."

Randall Pinson is another believer. He was a junior in the University of Utah when he discovered eBay.

When stuck with a large load of cell phones that were worthless to the cell phone store he was working in, he set up an account on eBay and posted his merchandise. His phones quickly sold netting him a profit of \$100 per phone.

"As a student it was fantastic because I could do business 24 hours a day, seven days a week and I didn't have to be there. The computer system managed the whole thing. Rather than waiting tables, I worked about four to five hours a day on this," Pinson said.

He began selling on eBay full-time shortly thereafter and later started his own company, starting first with a sole proprietorship which later on became 'Rocket Auctions, Incorporated'.

Pinson continues to manage his business and has now expanded to training new users to sell and develop their own businesses.

"Running a small business isn't all that difficult, just the technicalities of setting it up," Pinson said.

Both Kopczynski and Pinson have plenty of tips to pass on to budding entrepreneurs.

"Do market research, probably the most important thing if you are buying newer items. Don't price your items too cheaply. Begin your auctions at a price that you're comfortable getting for that item," Kopczynski said.

"Research first and then sell.

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Randall Pinson
Founder, Rocket Auctions Incorporated

with them."

"I had one student tell me that his grandmother said, 'Honey, take whatever is in the attic and sell it on eBay' and he made about 5000 dol-

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Researching is the key to understanding the market value of a product,” Pinson said.

He also warn students of the many dangers of doing online business.

“Make no transactions off of eBay. When someone emails you and says they want to make the transaction off of eBay that should raise a red flag as that would probably turn into fraud,” Pinson said.

“Get a tax ID number and report taxes. There are rules, follow them.

eBay and Paypal are secure and if you go outside the protection zone, you lose money.”

“Manage risk. Making a big mistake at the beginning dampers one’s spirit.”

Both of them do advocate trading internationally but urge exercising

caution.

“The major pitfall would be not recognizing the world market. It is certainly worth the couple of extra steps to post a package overseas anywhere for the amount of profit you’ll make by opening up to say, Asia,” Kopczynski said.

“Be careful when conducting business internationally as you make a lot of money but you can also lose a lot of money internationally,” Pinson said.

“Be extra careful on international deals. If it’s too good to be true it probably is.”

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It too has pizza, drinks and no experience
necessary.

India

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research university...we are able to work with these leading companies and establish relationships long before others can get there," he said.

But why China and India?

Growing economies and the demographics of both countries certainly play a major role.

With the major portion of the world economy shifting toward China and India, "there is a Western interest to go where the action is," Madiseti said.

"It's an area of the world where things are happening and we need to remain competitive by learning about that," Blum said.

"The economy is growing, it's more open than ever before, and there are also issues related to environment and sustainability that are very important to Georgia Tech."

Language was also a key factor in helping build relationships with

the two countries.

"...I have several Mandarin-speaking [members of] faculty in the College of Management and they were very keen on making the partnership," Blum said.

With India the lack of a language barrier adds to its advantage.

Having English-speaking graduates is a key benefit for research as well as industry according to Madiseti.

Both Madiseti and Blum foresee a plethora of opportunities in Asia for Tech students.

By going abroad to areas where there is a large market Tech gains intellectual property.

"When you have an idea such as Google, you can convert it to money and jobs," Madiseti said.

Incidentally, Tech graduate Krishna Bharat (Ph.D. in Computer Science, 1996) did exactly that as the inventor of Google News and the current head of Google India's R&D Center.

Current students are already seeing a potential of opening Tech campuses in Asia.

"We see ourselves as a partner with the [Indian] government and the industry to facilitate economic development, research, and joint benefits."

Vijay Madiseti
Chair, GT in India

"One of the plus points of having a campus in China is that there's a lot of industry, [which gives students] a lot of practical experience," said Anirudh Mathur, a third-year Industrial

Engineering major who took part in the study abroad program in Beijing last summer.

"There's a 'what's in it for us' question when we have graduates who truly understand that they could be leaders," Blum said.

"They need to learn about the forces changing the world and the applications to make it a better and more secure world."

"Things are developing so rapidly," said Katherine Fong, a fourth-year Industrial Engineering major, who also studied in China over the summer.

"In order to work nowadays, you need to have a more international background," Fong said.

Blum and Madiseti said that the leadership of Georgia Tech has been a guiding factor in these endeavors.

In encouraging educational opportunities abroad, Tech is making progress in its strategic plan.

The plans for both India and



By Ayan Kishore / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Professor Mitra visited India to explore potential educational opportunities for Tech in Asia.

China are still in the developing phase and are not final until announced.

"We have a lot of units [at Tech] doing things independently...but we're all keeping each other informed of what's going on," Blum said.

"We are retaining the possibility of going alone as a college or going as part of a bigger Georgia Tech phenomenon."

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Bamboo ceilings for Asian-Americans: reality or myth?

By Yang Lin
Contributing Writer

Cultural differences between Asian cultures and the Western world are abound.

“Asian students usually try to give correct answers whereas other students try to express their opinions on the subject matter,” said Dr. Minjae Song, an assistant professor in Economics.

“When I ask questions, Asian students are worried that the answers are not something I expect, and they are ready to modify their answers on my reaction; [other students] care less about what I think, they just want to express their opinions.”

“I think this is something Asian-Americans should learn, to be unafraid of being wrong. I think it makes a big difference.”

“It comes down to the ability

to present to people, to appeal to higher level of management, and that’s something lacking in Asian cultures in general,” said Abhay Saboo, a Tech graduate who works

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Dr. Minjae Song
ECON Assistant Professor

for GE Healthcare.

However, Dr. Yadong Wang, an assistant professor of Biomedical Engineering, thinks modesty, or lack of self-promotion, will not stall

one’s career for very long.

“[It] will hold you back in the short term, maybe for a couple of years,” Wang said.

“In the end, it’s what you have done that sets you apart, either in a corporate environment or in academic institutions.”

How do Asian-Americans find a balance between preserving cultural values and succeeding in corporate America?

“My manager encouraged me to take more risks. In a corporate environment, [it is] important to be aggressive and assertive,” said Hua Mei Chai, a Biomedical engineering senior.

“Basically, you have to be clear and show what you have accomplished and in cases where people are trying to take credit away from you, you should definitely fight for it,” Wang said.

A recent book titled *Breaking*

the Bamboo Ceiling by Jane Hyun, a former human resources executive, provides assessment for weaknesses,

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BME Assistant Professor

success strategies and case studies that can guide Asian Americans corporate success by leveraging their Eastern core values and traits.

However, climbing up the corporate ladder is really a two-sided effort.

According to Hyun, companies are putting heavier emphasis on diversity and inclusive leadership in today’s globalized society .

Employers are more conscious of the multicultural work environment and dynamics.

“We should educate Asian-Americans about self-promotion. But as a society, we should also educate employers to understand these cultural differences,” Song said.

“There are cultural differences that we cannot ignore. If you think the difference is inferior, then you lose confidence in yourself.”

“But when you are ready to accept the differences, you are ready to succeed.”

“Difference might be a factor to help you succeed in today’s society,” Song said.

WRC director finds 'inner geek' through work

By Swathy Prithivi
Focus Editor

Yvette Upton is the Assistant Dean of Students and the Director of the Women's Resource Center (WRC). She joined Tech in 2000 with a masters in women's studies from Georgia State University.

How was your experience of fitting into Tech, sometimes called "North Avenue Trade School" in jest, as a member of the staff with a liberal arts background?

It is very different from my college experience. But most of us working at Tech like finding our "inner geek" as [we] call it.

I have a lot of interest in science fiction, crazy TV shows and I actually found it easy to connect with the people on campus as we have a lot of things in common.

Are Tech students really nerds?

I think Tech students are very smart. In our culture, that can be perceived as being nerdy.

But I think Tech students are also really fun and interesting and they're good at a lot of different things so I don't know. Maybe.

What are the drawbacks of Tech students as you see it?

I think the drawbacks can be that some Tech students don't communicate as well.

I think that can be challenging in working with relationships.

If we can help people have a better understanding of how to communicate then that could help

address some of those issues.

In all the years that you've worked with students, what frustrates you the most about them?

I think the thing that annoys me the most about working with students is hearing the same issue from the women that I work with.

It's really frustrating that I continue to have women who come into our office because they have been assaulted or harassed; that members of our community will disrespect other students in our community because they feel that is okay in some way...that's really challenging.

What about flippant annoyances?

The overwhelming optimism of students who think "we can do too much, we can do one more task, take one more class, volunteer or be president of one more organization."

I've seen students get really burnt out from that and I identify with it because I do it myself.

But I think that is a huge annoyance because it's challenging for them, it stresses them out and they usually don't do as well as they could do because they are doing too much.

Your master's thesis in women's studies explored the lives of 19 Tech women. What drew you to the subject of Tech women in particular?

Tech women were not my stereotype of what I thought they would be like. I thought I would come in and see a lot of women who were trailblazers, who knew they were going to an all male environment and were comfortable with it, very strong and tough women.

What I saw was that they were very normal and just like every woman out there with a wide range of personalities and characteristics and not realizing that they were walking into a place that was a lot harder than they were expecting it to be.

Men reading this will probably be frustrated and say "It's hard for men too. Tech is just a hard place." And that's true.

But there things about our cul-

ture here at Tech that are just very masculine and because they are men, it's harder to see that.

It was very interesting for me to try and figure out who are these women I [was] trying to work with and how I reach out to them and make sure that they are having a great experience here at Tech.

So that's why I chose it.

Do you think that it is hard being a woman at Tech today?

Women here at Tech are very capable of doing the level of work that is required of Tech.

I think what makes it harder is this masculine environment, most of which is not overt sexism.

It's really more the climate or the culture of how our campus operates and that's a lot harder for students to identify, which might be making it a bit more challenging for them.

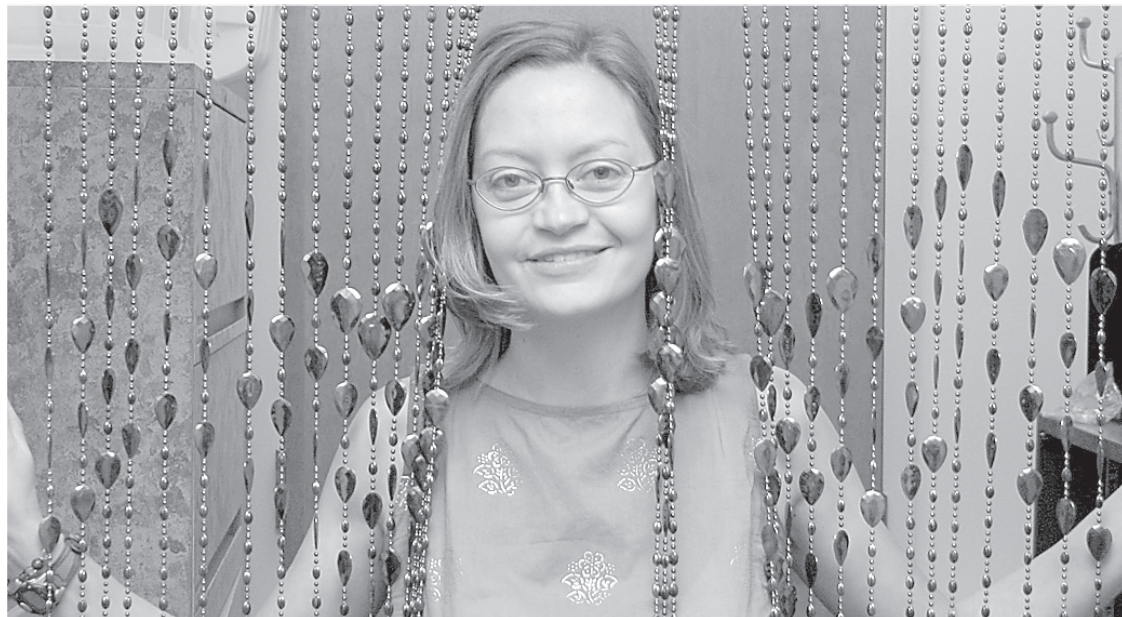
Of course a lot of women here go through their entire time at Tech and don't feel that they've had any problems here as women. That needs to be said too.

How do you think the men at Tech perceive the WRC?

We have a lot of men involved in the Center. A lot of our events have about 40 percent male attendance.

I think there's certainly interest from them about what we do. I hope that men would see it as a place that is trying to make Tech a more supportive campus and not a place that is, in any way, negative towards them.

Are women superior to men?
No.



By Julia Bunch / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Yvette Upton, Assistant Dean and Director of the WRC poses in front of the beaded curtain in the WRC office. Her five years at Tech have served to change her perception of the typical Tech woman.

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Answer to previous Tech Up Close:

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Last week's winner:

Matthew E. Guidry

Tech Up Close

THIS WEEK'S PHOTO:



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Kilroy was here
name one cheerful fact
about the square of the hy-
potenuse.
with blood, hunger and lust, I
succumb to my mortality
Where's Dave Barry? I miss
him...
I rule...
that was one sexy pirate on
skiles...
I am the skiles pirate
"Proud and insolent youth,"
[Tech] said, "prepare to meet
thy doom!"
"Dark and sinister man," [I]
answered, "have at thee."
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How moral is it, to offer the
truth, even when it is unwar-
ranted?
cactus and stuff
whatever happend to gtf?
I thought Auburn was sup-
posed to be good at foot-
ball...
Alcohol is the answer... 42
was wrong
Housing Maintenance is SO
SLOW
does georgia tech have some-
thing against hiring profes-
sors that speak english?
using speach recognition to
their native language and then
using an online translation
service to
convert it to english would be
easier to understand
who's gona get
igotshafted@gatech.edu?
I cling because I know bet-
ter.
Eeewww! That dorm fur-
niture needs to be thrown
out! Couldn't Housing put
some dehydrating elements
in the unused dorms to dry
them out?
Dear idiot tech fans, YOU
DONT PULL OUT YOUR
KEYS AT AN AWAY
GAME
If you must pull out your
keys at a home game, DO
IT WITH LESS THAN A
MINUTE LEFT, NOT 4
Do you honestly expect to sit
in your designated seat in a
student section? get real

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more Slivers

Students seek best study spots across campus

By Melissa Cataldo
Senior Staff Writer

A separation between your relaxation space, such as your room, and your work promotes psychological well-being and a sense of peace for some, or at least that's what the ancient art of Feng Shui seems to say.

So here are the best study spots around campus outside of your dorm room:

Barnes & Noble at Tech Square

Starbucks - the aroma of coffee floating in the air, comfortable couches, wireless connection, pastries and drinks on demand. Does one need to say more? The tables and couches near the fireplace on the second floor provide a calming alternative to the incessant chatter and the noisy coffee mill.

Love Building

With its multi-story windows and several tables to work at, the common area of the Love building on West Campus makes a convenient and bright study spot.

This spot is especially good if you hate fluorescent lights (there's lots of natural light) and need a table to lay out your materials. It is one of the more pleasant and attractive academic buildings.

Bleachers over the CRC pool



By Andrew Saulters / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Sam Ozburn (left), fourth-year Public Policy major and Luc Castera (right), Electrical Engineering graduate student, get some studying accomplished at Tech Square Starbucks and the library respectively.

A little weird but some people study here nonetheless. The pool may offer some change of scenery to the extremely bored. It's quiet and there are plenty of seats, just don't get distracted watching the divers.

Top floors of the library

If you keep climbing those stairs, you will notice a) the upper floors of the library are empty, and b) you are somewhat disoriented since the floor-plans just keep repeating them-

selves, but with slight deviations, so you think you're always in the same place, just a different, quieter dimension.

Empty conference rooms

Unlocked conference rooms have big tables, comfortable chairs, and a large white board. They are easy to get into and are in major buildings like the IC, MARC, Woodruff etc. Make sure to put up the occupied sign that most of the rooms have.

One drawback would be angry or confused professors, who may stumble in.

City Café

A relatively decent dining establishment famed more for its hours and convenience than its coffee, which tastes like they filter the grinds with dishwater. Except for late on weekend nights, this 24-hour diner is relatively quiet and not crowded, but still active enough to keep you from

slowing down. The coffee can keep you awake, and there are heaping platters of food if you get hungry. This is a good meeting spot if you need to discuss a project with teammates. The blue neon lighting and giant cakes make this diner cooler than the library.

Deck outside Einstein's Bagels

This relatively quiet deck connected to the side of the Student Center Commons offers one of the best views on campus. Tucked back among trees, flowers and lawn, you can watch the people on Skiles Walkway and still feel semi-secluded.

There are tables, chairs and benches, and this is the perfect spot to go between classes during the morning to early afternoon to read or study.

The deck is conducive to both quiet discussion and solitary reading.

Sometimes you just need to escape your room when you have to do work. A little fresh air and the walk to a new spot may be all you need to refresh your brain.

Tech offers countless unconventional and quiet spots in which to steal away, so don't let a noisy roommate or an aversion to the library be an excuse when it comes to studying.

Make Tech yours by seeking out odd or new places; studying can be an excuse to explore more in and around campus.

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PHANTOM FRENZY

Andrew Lloyd Webber's *The Phantom of the Opera* has come to Atlanta. Is it worth your time? **Page 23**

THEY PLAY IT IN HEAVEN

Rugby started their season with a win. Find out more about the Tech team and this interesting game. **Page 31**

Freaks, geeks, friends flock to Dragon*Con

Two 'Nique writers tell stories from this year's con to end all cons

By Hillary Lipko
Senior Staff Writer

At some point in recent history, it became cool to be a nerd. I'm not quite sure when that happened, since I've been a nerd since before it was the "in" thing. However, despite my deep-seated nerdiness, I've never been to a convention where so many like-minded "social outcasts" like to congregate. I guess you could have called me a Dragon*Con virgin. Not knowing quite what to expect, I headed out with my friend Andrew to commune with thousands of our geek and nerd brethren.

Generally, I'm not a fan of crowds. I don't care for people. However, this crowd wasn't all people. There were fairies, orcs, aliens and a few other things decidedly not human; so I guess I was cool with them. They were pretty impressive anyway, and I couldn't quite be sure what they'd do to me if I crossed them, especially the Klingons. Sitting and observing them, occasionally requesting to take pictures of the more interesting ones, was pretty much the safest bet.

But Dragon*Con is much more than an early Halloween for those of the geeky persuasion. It is also a wonderful opportunity for learning about and discussing topics of interest. From science fiction to science fact, from anime to fantasy

in all media, there was something for everyone.

Beyond the conference rooms there were dealers' and exhibitors' rooms, an art show and celebrity appearances. In the dealer and exhibition halls, all sorts of weapons of geekiness were for sale. Whether you needed that last touch for next year's costume, another DVD for your anime collection, or better characters for your favorite *Dungeons & Dragons*-style game, you can probably find what you're looking for and more.

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The celebrities in attendance ranged from those with cult following (like the guys from *Red vs. Blue* and those from *Homestar Runner*) to those who are incredibly well-known (like LeVar Burton and Marina Sirtis, of *Star Trek* fame). I also heard that the Phelps twins (Fred and George Weasley in the *Harry Potter* films) were in attendance, but they must have come as Loch Ness monsters as I only saw a picture that my friend took and caught a brief glimpse of one of them. And of course when I went looking for them, they were nowhere to be found.

Also, if that still wasn't enough, the coordinators for various tracks cut loose a little more in the evening, cleared out the chairs in the meeting

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By Andrew Saulters / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Nerds in their natural habitat: as the culmination of countless hours of work, costumed enthusiasts prepare for Dragon*Con's Saturday parade down the most famous of Atlanta's Peachtree Streets.

Panels, vendors, talks abound, celebrities not worth trouble

By Andrew Guyton
Contributing Writer

In every nerd's life, there comes a time when one must make a pilgrimage, where one must share what they believe in and express their beliefs.

This journey took a form in my life recently, when I had a chance to attend Dragon*Con 2005 with my friend, Hillary. This was our first time at a general-purpose convention, so it was a new experience for both of us.

Dragon*Con lasted from Friday afternoon until Monday afternoon, with the most fun occurring on Saturday and Sunday.

If, in the future, you ever have trouble finding the con, just find and follow the Stormtroopers; or take MARTA, as the hotels hosting the con are connected directly to Peachtree Station.

One of my favorite panels discussed the sixth *Harry Potter* book. Sure, there was one very vocal woman in the front, who certainly had her opinions about the book, but overall, it was a spirited and enjoyable debate with very interesting and humorous panelists.

An equally intense debate could be found in the panel about the future of the *Star Trek* franchise. Apparently, intense debates require at least one person who must share every opinion that pops into their head, because there sure was one sitting behind us in this panel. Mr. Worf, please remove her from the bridge, err, the con.

Not all of the panels were that intense, though. The panels hosted by the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) were on a more serious

set of subjects, and were every bit as important to me. They focused on issues such as peer to peer, the DMCA (the proposed fix for the DMCA), blogging and many other digital and technology rights issues. If you have ever shared a file, typed a sentence on anything connected to the Internet or programmed, the EFF is an organization you should be aware of. For example, Hillary and I attended the panel about the

figurines on a magnetic "dungeon" game stage.

While the game was fun, possibly the coolest thing about it were the magnetic tiles that built the dungeon. Not only do they make the game play a little more interesting than playing on a paper map, but they're just fun to play with on their own.

Other popular names there were *Red vs. Blue* and *Homestar Runner*.

Various actors and adult enter-

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future of peer to peer on Saturday. It was hosted by the EFF's policy analyst, who detailed how fair use is being restricted by DRM, and how big media and the DMCA are restricting our rights.

Panels aren't everything Dragon*Con has to offer, though. You can buy a ton of fun things there. For example, there was a vendor that sold nothing but dice of various shapes, sizes, and colors! There were also vendors selling mainstream and hard-to-find DVDs.

I picked up a copy of *Grenadier*, something I've been looking for for a while. One of the most interesting vendors was Adiken, a game company which makes a fun *Dungeons & Dragons*-style game called *Nin-Gonost*.

The game play is pretty standard. It is turn-based using dice and character cards with corresponding

tainment stars came to the con to meet fans and sell autographs. Personally, I didn't feel it was worth it to pay \$20 for an autograph, although I was tempted to get one from LeVar Burton, who played Geordi La Forge on *Star Trek: The Next Generation*.

At some point, the actors who played the Weasley twins in the *Harry Potter* movies were there, but we didn't catch them. I was planning on thoroughly taunting my friends if I had gotten their autographs.

One of my newest hobbies is photography, and there were hundreds of fascinating costumes worn there. Any popular character you can think of was probably walking around Dragon*Con, making it one of the greatest photo opportunities for any aspiring photographer.

Unfortunately, I didn't have a

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By Andrew Saulters / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Floyd Grimm, dressed in the unlikely costume of Stormtrooper cum Red Cross, mills about with his fellow troopers Saturday.

THEME CROSSWORD: CRIME SCENE

ACROSS

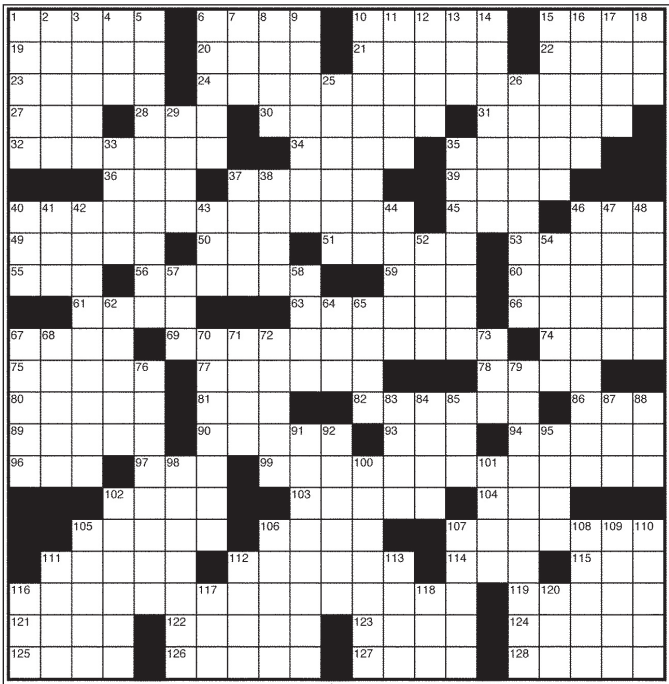
1. Bring forth
6. Attention-getter
10. Sidestep
15. Urban renewal target
19. Molokai neighbor
20. Speck in the air
21. Saltpeter
22. Abbr. in bus.
23. Employing
24. Start of a quip by Rodney Dangerfield: 5 wds.
27. Jet letters
28. Magician's prop
30. Monotony
31. Dipsomaniac
32. Fit
34. Rock's — Lofgren
35. Hirsute
36. "Born in the —"
37. Priest's garment
39. Desire personified
40. Part 2 of quip: 2 wds.
45. Fragrant necklace
46. AMA cousin
49. Lost: 2 wds.
50. Luau fare
51. Of the kidney
53. Jutlanders
55. Start for physics
56. Tyrant
59. Dernier —
60. — -garde

61. Belongs

63. Command formally
66. Roper's rope
67. Scheme
69. Part 3 of quip: 4 wds.
74. Ending for mob or pun
75. Metric unit
77. Kind of ticket
78. Blues great — James
80. In flames
81. Last: abbr.
82. Old Greek bowl
86. A pronoun
89. Campers' quarters
90. Baldwin and Guinness
93. Nest egg letters
94. Easterner
96. Cousin to an assoc.
97. — Aviv
99. Part 4 of quip: 3 wds.
102. Gloomy atmosphere
103. Slangy denials
104. — — rule
105. Drew or Mariah
106. Maori amulet
107. Military unit
111. Site of 2002's Asian Games
112. Kind of belt
114. Parts of ft.
115. — Cruces
116. End of the quip: 3 wds.
119. Bone in a joint
121. Organic compound

122. — — two (a few)

123. Gen. Robert — —
124. Of sheep
125. Scraggy
126. Hawsters
127. Spreads to dry
128. Harangues
DOWN
1. Watery snow
2. Old-hat
3. Loos or Bryant
4. Pallid
5. Plant also called belladonna
6. Friendliness
7. Ad —
8. Coup d' —
9. Keepsake
10. Military gunfire
11. PC problem
12. Corpuscle
13. Certain voter: abbr.
14. A rubbing out
15. Scrubs
16. Really bad
17. Press
18. Speed limit abbr.
25. Publishing VIP
26. Doughnut-shaped
29. The Pequod's captain
33. Sled
35. "Amarcord" director
37. Field yield
38. The Buckeye State
40. Pest
41. After printemps
42. Setting apart
43. Harvest deity
44. Quechua
46. Daughter of Nicholas II
47. Stupid
48. John Jacob —
52. Saharan



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54. "Stop!", at sea
57. Psychic's gift: abbr.
58. Stocking stuffers
62. Sluggish
64. Greek letter
65. Wet
67. Classical thinker
68. Permanent prisoner
70. Most often
71. Reveal
72. British buddies
73. Wedding announcement word
76. Stopping place: 2 wds.
79. Electronic device
83. Paddy
84. Son of Zeus and Hera
85. Cap
87. Chinese dynasty

88. Final state
91. Pines and firs
92. Men-only party
95. Deer
98. FDR's first lady
100. Sobriquet
101. Merit
102. To some extent
105. Punctuation mark
106. Lake out west
107. Stays: arch.
108. "— — the Family"
109. Intimidate
110. Letters
111. Bingo-like game
112. Pace
113. Lock maker
116. Cal. abbr.
117. Yoko —
118. Beatty or Rorem
120. Actress — Gardner

3 Doors Down plays the HiFi

Tomorrow night, 3 Doors Down, those guys that brought you that Superman song from that time, will be playing a show at Hi Fi Buys Amphitheatre. The music begins at 6:30 p.m. Supporting artists include Staind, Alter Bridge and No Address. Ticket prices range from \$25.50 to \$57.50, depending on seat location.

Girls seen playing in park

Everyone's favorite folk-rock girl duo the Indigo Girls will be playing at the Chastain Park Amphitheatre with openers Magnapop tomorrow night. Tickets cost between \$28.50 and \$38.50. The show gets started at 8 p.m. Be there or continue your being-square lifestyle.

At least these trains run on time

Through October 29, Atlanta Botanical Garden presents Locomotion in the Garden: Trains Across Georgia.

The event features seven different model trains, all replicas of some that have run on Georgia's real railroads over the years, travelling among the garden's plant life.

The exhibit's hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and admission is \$7 for students, \$9 for seniors and \$12 for everyone else. Children under three are admitted for free.

2046 shows up in U.S. theaters late, still great

By Michael Ng
Contributing Writer

To say that the film *2046* has been delayed in the United States would be an understatement. Amidst difficulties with script rewrites, re-shoots, re-edits and set-reconstruction (a hotel scene was rebuilt after a tabloid photographer found his way onto the set), it seemed that film goers would never be able to experience Wong Kar-Wai's latest meditation on love and desire as he envisioned it. Hong Kong director Wong initially debuted an edited version of the film at the 2004 Cannes Film Festival to mixed reviews. He subsequently skipped over the New York Film Festival and the Edinburgh Film Festival, where it was slated as the closing movie of the competition, to continue working on the film.

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and finishing in place, *2046* has finally been released stateside, and it stands as one of the most ambitious

"With over a year's worth of edits and finishing in place, *2046* has finally been released stateside, and it stands as one of the most ambitious...movies of the year."

and stylistic movies of the year. Nominally, *2046* concerns the tortured memories of Chow (Tony

Leung), a pulp-romance writer in search of love. In his latest vignette, people board futuristic trains to the year 2046 to recapture lost memories. Rumors abound that nothing ever changes in 2046, but no one knows if that is true, because no one has ever come back. When Chow relocates from Singapore to Hong Kong, the woman he loves, Su Lizhen (Gong Li), refuses to go with him. Over the years Chow becomes involved with many women: Lulu (Carina Lau), a cabaret dancer; Wang Jing Wen (Faye Wong), a hotel owner's daughter; and Bai Ling (Zhang Ziyi), a stunningly beautiful prostitute. Although his readers may think Chow is writing about love in the future, he alone knows that it is about his own loves in the past.

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Photo courtesy Sony Pictures Classics

Actor Tony Leung, as Chow, broods for his lost loves and turns his pain into art in director Wong Kar-Wai's beautiful opus, *2046*.

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Dear tech fans, if you're going to an away game leave your dorkiness at home wear yellow to away games, jerks. If you want to sit close in the student section, get there early I hope that tree fort party is worth all the ridicule. The Ewok tower was great this year guys. To you stupid GDIs trying to move into our block at auburn, you and your 5 friends vs. 30? get real. Burgerbowl! Bagpipe Dude: You rock! Go Jackets! Way to take it to that Auburn team! This upcoming season should be great! amrita is the best wlc chair ever! :) what happened to the shoe tree? It's 2:27 am, and I am still here seriously, you nerds stay the hell out of my management building. You do realize there is life outside of academia? The CS, Phsyics, and engineering departments should mandate classes on developing personality. you fairies get your flag football practice off our rugby field. "whats the good word?" is a 'tech tradition' that only faset leaders and former faset leaders take part in. if you don't like the smell of bourbon, I suggest moving your football tickets away from me. yes I am an elitist, but it really isn't my fault I'm better than you. Just as you've come to grips with being a nerd, I've come to grips with being a jerk. since you make no effort to fix your nerd situation, I make none to fix my jerk situation. i love nick the editor

Phantom terrorizes terrifically at Fabulous Fox Theatre

By Beth Daihl
Contributing Writer

The Phantom of the Opera opened at the Fabulous Fox Theatre last weekend to a great success. The combination of talented actors, amazing set design, detailed costumes, the ambiance of the Fox itself and the excitement brought on by the work itself makes this show an opportunity not to be missed.

Although the recent film version of *Phantom* was well done, there is a certain enchantment when seeing the performance live on stage. Andrew Lloyd Webber's *The Phantom of the Opera* is the second-longest running Broadway musical in the world and may become the longest running this coming January. After witnessing the rendition at the Fox Theatre it is not

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hard to see why *Phantom* has lasted so long. There is a little something for everyone; drama, romance, action, music, dance and pathos.

For those who have not had the opportunity to see *The Phantom of the Opera*, the story is one of love, music, passion, and death. Set in 1911 Paris at the Paris Opera House the show follows the drama behind the curtain of the Opéra Populaire which is haunted by the Opera Ghost. Hiding from the world below, the



Photo courtesy Clear Channel Entertainment

The players of the fictional Opéra Populaire rehearse for a production of *Hannibal* in Andrew Lloyd Webber's interpretation of the classic novel, *The Phantom of the Opera*.

Opera Ghost is the titular Phantom of the Opera, a deformed genius who believes the Opera is his. When the new owners, Monsieur Firmin and Monsieur André, take over, the Phantom makes many demands as to how his theatre is to be run with dangerous consequences.

After the Prima Donna Carlotta storms out of the Opera, Christine Daaé, the talented, orphaned daughter of a famous violinist takes her place.

Later in the play, Christine's childhood friend and the Opera's financial backing, Raoul enters the picture to create a classic love triangle.

When the Phantom's demands are not met and Christine declares her love for Raoul, the Phantom strikes back at the entire Opera.

The cast successfully lives up to all the expectations demanded of a Phantom performance. The Phantom, Gary Mauer, is superb and elicits pity and loathing from the audience at the same time. Mauer's extensive portfolio includes *Les Misérables*, *Show Boat* and *Jesus Christ Superstar*.

Marie Danvers plays the confused Christine Daaé and is well able to deliver the level of performance expected of any Christine.

Michael Shawn Lewis plays Raoul and his vast experience as this part shows. Lewis has played Raoul on Broadway and overseas in Belgium and Germany.

Adding a lighter element to the show are the supporting characters Monsieur Firmin, Monsieur André, Carlotta and Piangi, all of whom were excellent. David Cryer, who plays Monsieur Firmin, has played in this role over 5,000 times and keeps the rest of the company serious about the performance while making the audience laugh at all the right moments. The rest of the cast performed superbly as well and

drew the audience into the chaotic world of *The Phantom of the Opera* together.

Great accolades also go to the set design and crew. Right from the beginning the set draws the audience in and is most impressive.

The ornate decoration of the Opéra Populaire is hidden beneath tarps and rubble at the rise of the curtain, but once the chandelier is revealed time is reversed and the glory of the Opera is brought back to life. The tarps are drawn away as the chandelier rises to the top of the ceiling revealing the stage of the Opéra Populaire and a rehearsal for *Hannibal*.

Perhaps the most impressive set is the Phantom's pit of despair and the initial trip down to it. The Phantom leads Christine down underneath the Opera on a moving ramp creating the illusion of traveling down to the Paris sewers. The floor of the stage is covered in a low misty fog that envelopes the tiny boat the Phantom is poling across the lake. The illusion is perfect.

The only downside of going to see the Phantom is the price. Like any other popular show the prices can run pretty high. Tickets in the orchestra run at about \$60 a seat. If you are looking to take home a souvenir be prepared to dig a little deeper. Unlike almost any Tech activity, the shirts at Phantom are not free, far from it, they are around \$30.

However, walking over to the Fox saves you \$7 to \$12 on parking so maybe these purchases can be justified. Regardless of whether or not you take home a little reminder you will not forget the performance and will be sure to get your money's worth.

Two Bits

Two Bits Man leaves country, makes poor ambassador, fails to provide correct change

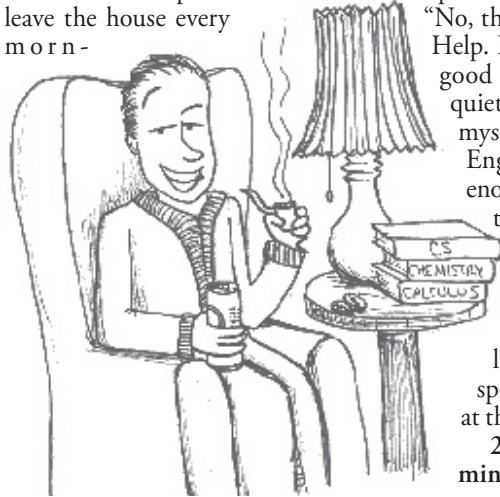
I am a citizen of the world. I have seen the lights of Paris, looked out on the Swiss Alps and ridden in a gondola on the canals of Venice. Consequently, I have also smelled the canals (read: open sewer system) of Venice, frozen my ass off several thousand feet above sea level surrounded by very noncommittal people and dealt with the French for an extended period of time.

Wherever you travel, certain things are going to suck. Now, sometimes it's a very region specific kind of suck, like how the British make no distinction between the concepts of "cooking" and "boiling" or how the Germans have the unnerving tendency to try to take over the world every few years or so. However, in my travels, I have discovered a few universal constants

of suckage, and I would like to share them with you today.

1) My tenuous, at best, grasp of the language.

It is most unpleasant to leave the house every morn-



ing hoping to God that the need does not arise to communicate any idea more complex than "That one, please." I mean, what if I have to explain something complex like, "No, the other one," or, "Help. Help. I've been shot." Like any good American, however, I quiet these worries by telling myself that if I only scream English loudly and slowly enough, someone is bound to both understand me and bow to my whims. Because when you're dealing with someone who doesn't speak your language, the best response is always to scream at them.

2) Unfamiliarity with the minutiae of local custom.

Basically, I just want to be able to blow my nose in public without wondering if I'm committing a fairly epic faux pas. That's all I'm saying.

3) The nagging feeling that I look too American.

Like I should, by any right, give a crap whether or not my nationality shines through. So long as I don't look like I came to their country looking like I would when I go out to mow the lawn, who the hell has any business caring, right? Well, tell that to my

irrational fear of being accosted by strangers who would like to have a word with me about current U.S. foreign policy, possibly in their native tongue (see no. 1).

4) Having to have correct change.

(Ok a y, strictly speaking, this one only applies to Europe, but it's still annoying enough to make the list.)

I don't know what crawled up the asses of all the cashiers on the

"Well, tell that to my irrational fear of being accosted by strangers who would like to have a word with me about current U.S. foreign policy...."

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Instead of adhering to a linear plot, *2046* plays out in a series of fractured sketches that jumps from 2046 to the 1960s, from Hong to Singapore, and to all the memories in-between.

Because of the rich sensory experience of the film, the plot becomes secondary to its aesthetic beauty.

Wong possesses all the stylistic vigor of auteurs like Quentin

Tarantino, John Woo and David Lynch, but without the subversive violence.

In place of empty flashiness, Wang builds an incredible atmosphere with extravagant period pieces, vibrant colors, sensual textures, deliberated camera work and a keen sense of how to put together a scene.

Even something as simple as smoking a cigarette exudes an erotic elegance under Wong's direction. Taken as a whole, the film becomes a hallucinatory dream of mood and

ambience.

2046 may seem like a science fiction film, but the fantastical premise and retro-futuristic style belie its romantic core.

Much like its prequel, *In the Mood for Love*, *2046* concerns the pain and persistence of memory.

Whereas *In the Mood for Love* bubbled on the surface with straightforward, amorous tension, *2046* explodes with sexual energy and raw passion. It is definitely a film worth seeing.

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European continent, but despite what they may have read in *Snooty Jackass Weekly* it is a fairly significant part of their jobs to make change. Sometimes I don't have €1.67 down to the penny. Sorry. That's no reason to look at me like I've unreasonably forced upon them some epic burden.

I don't want to hear one more word about boorish Americans until

they get a cashier population that can treat their fellow human beings with some modicum of respect, even if said humans fail to carry sufficient small denomination coinage.

Now, this should not be taken as any sort of indictment of traveling abroad or of dirty foreigners in general. I hate all of humanity with strict egalitarianism. You're all unwashed savages, perpetually stewing in your own filth, as far as I'm concerned. Thanks for understanding, and I'm not just saying that.

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rooms, and held themed parties. It came as a surprise to even me that the liveliest of these parties was thrown by Trek Trak and was appropriately billed as "Happy Hour at Ten Forward." While there was a conspicuous absence of Romulan Ale, it was still the best place to find free food on Sunday night. (Sure, there was the con suite, but since everyone knew about that, there was hardly ever much food there.)

After four days of schlepping over to the Marriott and the Hyatt via MARTA, and after four days straight of walking around the huge convention, going

to panels and admiring costumes, I was pretty worn out. Though Dragon*Con is exciting and a lot of fun, it's a good thing it's not any longer because we'd either need a small army to cover it or I'd need a lot more caffeine.

Though it was my first time experiencing Dragon*Con, I have learned from those who have gone for many years in the past that it only gets better every year. That said, I'll have to go back next September and try to catch all of the things

I couldn't catch this year—like the parade. Not to mention, I still need to get my picture taken with a Klingon.

"It came as a surprise to even me that the liveliest of the parties was thrown by Trek Trak and was appropriately billed as "Happy Hour at Ten Forward."



By Andrew Saulters / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Two anime fans appear at the Saturday costume parade dressed as Speed and Trixie from the perennial animated favorite, *Speed Racer*, complete with a real life Mach V in which to cruise around.

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costume for this year, but ideally, I plan on having one ready for next year.

Based on my experience this year at Dragon*Con, I plan on return-

"Based on my experience this year at Dragon*Con, I plan on returning every year that I can, hopefully costumed."

ing every year that I can, hopefully costumed.

Anyone interested in at least one of the subjects we've written about should come and partake in all of them, because Dragon*Con offers all that and more.

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But the real beauty in the game perhaps lies in the fact that it truly is a team sport. Because players aren't allowed to move when they have the disc, it is impossible for one person to dominate the offense.

This is unlike most sports, such as basketball, hockey and football, where one athlete seems to be the center of the offense, or where one can score with essentially no help

from teammates.

This equality among the players on offense makes it a very enjoyable sport both to play and to watch because there will never be one "ball hog."

I often wonder, though, if Ultimate's popularity will remain for years to come, or if it is just a fad that will soon fade away. It's been roughly 40 years since the game was created, and I wonder how popular the mainstream sports of today were just 40 years after their creation.

The first official game of basketball was played in 1892. Basketball was an Olympic sport for the first time 44 years later in 1936, and by 1938 the National Invitation Tournament (NIT) was created.

Modern American football really only started around 1912, a few years after the forward pass was introduced, and after the changes were made that touchdowns were worth six points and a possession consisted of four downs.

Roughly 40 years later in the early

1950s, some NFL games were being broadcast nationally on television.

The first Super Bowl was played in 1967 between the Green Bay Packers and the Kansas City Chiefs.

Now the Super Bowl is so big that it is declared a National Special Security Event by the Department of Homeland Security along with such things like State of the Union addresses.

For the sport of baseball, the National League was formed in 1876 and less than 30 years later in 1903

the first World Series was played between the American League's Boston Red Sox and the National League's Pittsburgh Pirates.

Baseball grew enough over the years that it garnered the title of national pastime.

Reflections on the histories of the three big American sports lead me to believe that Ultimate may never grow to become an Olympic sport or draw millions of viewers on TV, but it still can earn its niche as one of the best recreation sports around.

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New season dawns on rugby club's storied history

By William Bretherton
Contributing Writer

The rugby team at Tech has been around since the end of 1974. They started out with about eight to 10 players from the Atlanta Rugby Football Club (RFC).

Tech's first game, which was played with Tech players on the Atlanta RFC, was against Emory. Tech shut out the Emory team, and, needless to say, rugby at the Institute had begun.

In the course of the next several years, Tech played many other opponents ranging from schools such as Clemson, Auburn, N.C. State and Georgia, to other club teams like Old White, High Country and the Renegades.

The rugby team has always called the Burger Bowl its home field. This really is an appropriate place for this team to meet. Like the field itself, the team is very open and rugged, and has a work-oriented attitude. Make no mistake about it—this team is very passionate about the sport they play.

Rugby is not only a tough physical test but also a difficult mental test. These two things combined make it a test of a person's character.

Rugby matches last 80 minutes and have only six substitutions for the entire contest. This sport requires constant running and hitting with little to no break. It also requires a great amount of team chemistry.

Like other team sports, everyone on the team must execute their role with near perfection for the unit as a whole to be successful. This

team chemistry is created by the camaraderie that develops over the course of months of practices and the brotherhood that is associated with such a difficult sport.

The rugby team, though, cuts no one. Everyone is free to join and is encouraged to do so, even those who just want to go through the team's physical conditioning. The team practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The players on Tech's RFC are a blend of twelve nations ranging over six continents. Among those nations represented are: Ireland, Wales, England, France, South Africa, South Korea, Kenya, Russia, Australia, Argentina and Colombia in addition to the United States.

Even with all of the cultural differences, this team is very much like a fraternity or a brotherhood.

In Europe, the motherland of the sport, visiting clubs are hosted by the home club. This includes putting them up in rooms, hanging out in rugby clubhouses and truly making the visiting team feel welcome.

The same concept of inter-team hospitality applies to the college and club teams that the Tech RFC faces. Opposing teams spend time after the game hanging out together getting to know the people who hours before were enemies on the field.

With all of the rigor, injury and relative obscurity of the sport, one wonders how the players on Tech's team ever get introduced to the sport. Players here at Tech got their start in many different ways.

"I started out as a long snapper



By Michael Skinner / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Members of the Tech Rugby Football Club assemble into a scrum to push a sled full of players at practice. The team opened the season against Auburn. The A team lost 28-19 while the B team won 24-17.

for the football team, then quit and went out for rugby," Greg Curtain said.

"I started out playing soccer, and then decided to play rugby," Nathan Bruce said.

As far as the outlook for the season, Tech has been consistently good for many years. Tech RFC consistently defeats their biggest rival, UGA. There are many talented players on this team. Some of these players to look out for in the upcoming season include David Blanton (nicknamed "Goliath") in addition to Bruce and Curtain.

Last weekend the team opened

their season at Auburn. The A team was defeated by Auburn 28-19, but the B team won 24-17.

These games were both essentially preseason games, however, because only the conference games played in the spring semester count toward playoff berths.

The main purpose of these games was to get the inexperienced players some playing time and to work out the kinks before the real season.

The real season in rugby starts after January when they get into competition to qualify for the postseason.

Tech club rugby competes in

Division II of the USA Rugby South Division. The conference games are usually against Georgia Southern, Auburn and South Carolina.

Tomorrow, Tech will be facing off against Old White. Kickoff will be at 11 a.m. at the Burger Bowl. Old White is a professional rugby team that was a national finalist last year in Division II.

The Old White team has many international players that have competed for their countries in similar leagues. It should be a tough challenge for the Jackets, who last year lost 35-10. Fans are encouraged to come out to watch the free event.

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Runners from page 36

“We have a great young group that will enable us to move into the top [half] of the conference. It’s a very competitive conference and we’re glad that the ACC has expanded to 12 teams with the new addition of BC this year.”

The men’s and women’s teams have some fresh faces this season who should bolster their chances at moving up in the ACC ranks.

The men’s team has an unprecedented thirteen new runners. Among the talented newcomers are Paul Specht, Will Bonn, Alex Erikson and a host of others.

“Paul Specht is now a junior. [He] ran in high school, kept running while in college and decided to walk on to our team. He has a great chance to be in our top five guys, possibly top three. We need to take the intensity level that we have in the beginning of the season and carry it into the later meets and the ACC Championships,” Drosky said.

“Will Bonn was a single-A state champion last year in high school in cross country. Alex Erickson is very talented [finishing third for class five-A].”

For the women’s team Katina Zuganelis and Ashley Keck are among those newcomers.

The Tech cross country team has had a distinguished past.

While George Griffin is best

known for being the Dean of Students from 1946 through 1964, he was first a renowned cross country and track and field coach from 1921-25 and 1934-43. He remained the cross country coach until 1974.

While Griffin was coach, the men’s cross country team won a total of 10 SEC titles, including six in a row from 1935 through 1940. This still ranks as the second largest number of cross country titles in SEC history, a significant mark considering that Tech last competed in the SEC in 1963.

Among other Tech successes of the past, the women’s cross country team won the NCAA South Regional in 2000.

In 2002, the ACC announced its 50th anniversary team which included Kevin Graham from the men’s team and Beth Mallory and Renee Metivier from the women’s team.

Kevin Graham was a two time All-ACC selection in 1993 and 1994. He was an All-Region selection and an NCAA Championship qualifier in those same years.

Beth Mallory was Tech’s first All-American cross country women’s runner. She was a multiple-year All-ACC and All-Region honoree.

Most recently Renee Metivier became Tech’s best national finisher with a second place finish at the 2001 NCAA Championships. He also won the 2002 South Regional individual race, as well as finishing second in the ACC Championships and earning an All-ACC selection.

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zone. Travis Bell hit the 32-yard field goal to give Tech the 10-0 lead.

Meanwhile, Cox and the Auburn offense spent the entire first half trying to solve Tech’s defense. Cox didn’t complete his first six passes as Auburn went three-and-out on each of their first three possessions.

The Tigers used all three timeouts with more than eight minutes remaining in the second quarter, perhaps a result of an inexperienced quarterback.

Momentum shifted in the second quarter, however, as Cox began hitting receivers on short, timing routes. It took the Tigers just four plays to move 78 yards and score as the second quarter began.

With less than two minutes left in the first half, P.J. Daniels ran for a touchdown that topped off a 77-yard drive.

Auburn responded in kind with 41 seconds left in the half. Cox connected with Ben Obomanu, who cruised past Kenny Scott and into the end zone, cutting Tech’s lead to 17-14.

Cox had an impressive second quarter, completing eight for 11, with 158 passing yards, but his stats didn’t hold up for the entire game. Turnovers plagued the Tigers in the second half, with two turnovers on downs, four interceptions and one lost fumble.

Late in the third quarter, Dawan Landry intercepted a Cox pass at the Tech four-yard line, perhaps saving a touchdown in the process. Auburn had another chance to regain momentum early in the fourth quarter, but Phillip Wheeler corralled a Cox throw deep in Tiger territory, setting up a Bell field goal to make it 20-14

in favor of the Jackets.

In the middle of the fourth quarter, Tech’s Joe Anoai clipped Cox’s passing arm, which sent the ball straight into the arms of linebacker KaMichael Hall.

Cox was picked again with under four minutes to play, this time by Gerris Wilkinson. The interception set up another Bell field goal, putting

“We expected to get this win out of here. It’s just a good kickoff to the season. You always want to start the season off with a win, but we still got to battle in the ACC.”

Reggie Ball Junior quarterback

the game out of reach at 23-14.

The game was sealed when Eric Henderson crashed Auburn’s offensive line with under a minute to go and sacked Cox, causing a fumble that Adam Oliver recovered.

Cox ended up with 342 yards, but his five turnovers prevented the Tigers from winning the game

Ball, on the other hand, amassed 174 yards passing, 18 yards rushing and committed just one turnover.

The receiving corps had a solid game. Six receivers caught passes, in addition to P.J. Daniels who had two catches for a total of 15 yards.

“Pat Clark and Bilbo [and Chris

Dunlap] did a tremendous job today,” Johnson said. “I was out for a little while due to cramps, but they did a great job and hung in there, and that’s exactly what we need. So we have a solid receiving corps.”

Clark caught six passes for 36 yards, while Johnson gained 66 yards on four catches. Bilbo’s two catches gained a total of 21 yards.

James Johnson, Chris Dunlap and Ajenavi Ezziemefe each had one catch, which combined for 36 yards.

P.J. Daniels ran for 111 yards on 23 carries and scored one touchdown. At Tuesday’s press conference, Daniels credited the mobile offensive line for the team’s running success.

“Those guys are great people on and off the field.... You can’t ask for more,” Daniels said, referring to the offensive line.

The Jackets will start ACC play tomorrow as they host the North Carolina Tar Heels.

Even right after the Auburn game in the locker room, players and coaches were already looking forward to their next game.

“We expected to get this win out of here. It’s just a good kickoff to the season. You always want to start the season off with a win, but we still got to battle in the ACC,” Ball said.

Ever since Chan Gailey has been head coach, he has had a “24-hour rule” about thinking about the previous game. This means players shouldn’t get too high off a win or too low off a loss.

“If you win one game, celebrate for 24 hours, and after that, celebration is over. It’s time to get back to work. All the fun is over,” Gailey said.

Tech’s home game against North Carolina begins tomorrow at 3:30 p.m.



NORTH CAROLINA (0-0) VS. GEORGIA TECH (1-0)

By Jamal Ashraf
Contributing Writer



The Tar Heels visit Bobby Dodd Stadium to play their season opener against a ranked Tech team. North Carolina has not defeated Tech in Atlanta since 1997, but the Tar Heels carry momentum from last year's 34-13 victory. UNC returns six offensive and eight defensive starters, but they have a new quarterback in Matt Baker. For the Tar Heels to repeat an upset performance this year, they will have to avoid penalties and turnovers, something that can be difficult to do in the first game of the season.

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Chan Gailey

Speaking about forgetting the previous game's results and preparing for the next team



Four Key Questions

- **Will Tar Heel quarterback Matt Baker be a threat as the starter after three years of being the backup?**

For the second week in a row, the Jackets face a quarterback who is making his first start. Matt Baker was the under-study to Darian Durant who holds more than 50 school records at North Carolina. Tech cannot make the mistake of underestimating him as he is a senior veteran of the team and has had three full years to master the details of the Tar Heel offense.

- **Will the nine returning starters for the Tar Heel defense give North Carolina a distinct advantage?**

On defense the Tar Heels effectively return all but one position, the strong safety. Chase Page missed the entirety of last season due to injury but started all 12 games in 2003.

Last year North Carolina held Tech to 13 points and forced three interceptions and recovered two Tech fumbles. The experienced defense could have the advantage over Tech's offense. Just as Tech went into the Auburn game knowing they could beat any opponent, based on their win in 2003, the Tar Heels may visit Bobby Dodd not knowing that they are the underdog.

- **Will Tech's defense be able to contain the running game?**

In last year's game, the Tar Heels racked up 248 yards of rushing on the Jacket defense. This year the Jackets will face Barrington Edwards, former SuperPrep All-American and LSU transfer. Edwards, along with James Arnold will be replacing the former starter Ronnie McGill, sitting out from a chest injury.

In a press conference Tuesday, Head Coach Chan Gailey said that a loss of outside containment by the defense allowed last year's Tar Heel team to gain so many yards.

- **Will Reggie Ball and the passing corps continue their great start?**

Tech quarterback Reggie Ball played like a true veteran last week. He made smart decisions placing his passes, throwing where only his guys could catch it and often times throwing it away rather than taking a sack or a turnover.

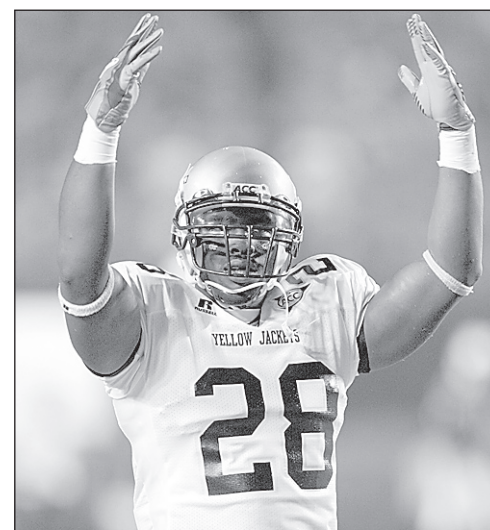
Calvin Johnson lead a diversified receiving corps that included Pat Clark, Damarius Bilbo and James Johnson pulling in double digit receiving yards. If the Jackets continue this success, North Carolina and most other teams will not be able to prevent the Jackets from scoring.

Coming off an impressive start against Auburn last week, Tech will face the team that last year upset them the week after the win over then-ranked Clemson. The Jacket offense looked solid last week, and if they perform as well tomorrow, the Tar Heel defense may be in for a long day. At times the Jacket defense looked weak against Auburn's passing game, but the Jackets have a week to improve on their first game performance. Since North Carolina didn't play last week, the Jackets will be scouting mainly from last year's films.

"We learned our lesson last year. You know we had a big win on Clemson, and it just so happens to be the same team that we're going to face.... They have a good team."

Joe Anoai

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Ultimate sweeps nation as new sport for all ages

Created in the second half of the 1960s, the sport of Ultimate is quietly taking the nation by storm. It meshes the stamina required of soccer with the end zones of football but is played with a flying disc. The self-officiating evokes a spirit of the game like that found in the game of golf.

I must admit that I'd never heard of the sport before I came to Tech, but once here, I saw it being played everywhere. The men's and women's club teams on campus are very successful, and it was through my contacts with those players that I was introduced to what the sport is all about.

To get an idea of just how big the sport has become, check out the Ultimate Players Association (UPA) website at upa.org. The videos of the UPA College Championships are absolutely amazing and showcase the talent of some of the best teams



The real beauty of Ultimate lies in the fact that it is truly a team sport, since a player can't move while holding the disc.

Patrick Odneal
Sports Editor

in the country. To navigate to the video, click on "2005 UPA College Championships as seen on CSTV" from the UPA homepage. This takes you to a page hosted by CSTV. The streaming video links are on the right side of the page. The offensive scheming of these games reminds me of watching a hockey or lacrosse match, and when I see a long throw that a player snags with a diving catch in the endzone, I can't help but think of those dogs you see on TV that can run 50 yards and

then catch the disc in their teeth. But that's beside the point. Similar to a game of soccer a game of Ultimate requires a bare minimum of equipment—namely a disc and an open field, which may be one reason you see games pop up anywhere on a college campus. Ultimate is a low-impact sport, which means people of every age can partake in a game, and the amount of running involved makes it an excellent cardiovascular exercise.

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By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Ultimate is one of the most popular pastimes on college campuses, in part because it requires only a disc and an open field to play.

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Tec football's national ranking in the AP football poll. A win last week against Auburn brought the Jackets into the national spotlight while knocking the Tigers out of the top 25 altogether.

The Jackets this week face the North Carolina Tar Heels, who last year beat Tech 34-13.

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The number of Jackets on the women's tennis team ranked in the preseason ITA poll, which ranks the top 125 singles in NCAA tennis. Kristi Miller (8), Kelly Anderson (102), Taryn Rudman (103) and Alison Silverio (105) all made the list.

Miller's No. 8 ranking is the best ever for the Tech program. She returns from doubles play in the U.S. Open where she and partner Megan Bradley advanced to the second round.

Bradley was a former ACC foe at the University of Miami and was ranked as the top singles player in the country last season when the two teams faced each other. Bradley beat Miller in two sets.

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Winthrop, beating the Eagles in four games 30-26, 36-38, 30-26, 30-24.

The Jacket offense came alive as the freshman trio of Laura DeMichellis, Talisa Kellogg and Callie Miller posted a combined 47 kills.

"It feels really good to get our first win of the season, and Winthrop made us work for it," Shymansky said. "I was very pleased, though, with how our team responded when Winthrop made runs at us."

"We certainly would have liked to have won a few more matches this weekend, but at the same time we are young and did some really good things and our freshmen showed some great signs of promise and we have a lot to look forward to this season," Shymansky said.

Randall, the senior libero, is also confident in this year's team. "Since we graduated five crucial players last year, a lot of people view this as a rebuilding year, but I think we are much better than that. We aren't rebuilding—we are reloading," Randall said.

Miller had a breakout three matches, leading the team in kills

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Jennifer Randall
Senior libero

in the Winthrop game. "I think a lot of people keep saying that we will be good, or we have the potential to do great things in the future, but I want to do big things this year," Randall said. "Even though we are young, I want to prove people wrong and do great things this year."

Even though the Jackets are the defending ACC champs, the coaches picked Duke to win the conference title this season.

Randall mentioned some of the goals for the team this season.

"As a team we definitely want to win the ACC again, and we want to keep the tradition alive.... We want to keep Georgia Tech nationally known,"

she said.

The home opener is tonight at 7:30 p.m. against George Washington. Tomorrow the Jackets play two games. The match with Long Island University begins at 12:00 p.m. and the match with Western Kentucky begins at 7:30 p.m.

Randall acknowledges the positive atmosphere Tech fans create in O'Keefe Gymnasium.

"Other teams say that they hate coming to our gym. It's such an intimidating factor, and I just hope that the fans realize this," she said.



By Ariel Bravy / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Volleyball Meet and Greet: A week before their first game, the volleyball team hosted a meet and greet session where fans could pick up some autographs of their favorite players. The fans in O'Keefe are an intricate part of Tech's home atmosphere.

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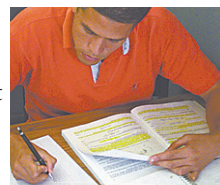
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Tech collects relief funds at UNC game

Tech student athletes will be stationed at the entrances to Bobby Dodd stadium before tomorrow's game collecting money for the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

They will be accepting donations of cash or checks made out to the American Red Cross from 2 p.m. to just before the 3:30 p.m. kickoff. The athletes will be wearing gold t-shirts with red crosses, and will be collecting only at the entrance gates.

Eveland becomes first retired jersey

Former Tech setter Kele Eveland will be the first female athlete at Tech to have her jersey retired and just the ninth Jacket in any sport to receive the honor.

The 2003 All-American honoree was also the ACC Rookie of the Year in 2000.

In her senior year two seasons ago, Eveland led the nation in assists per game with 14.93, and the Jacket offense finished the season ranked first in kills per game with 18.26.

The No. 16 jersey will be retired before tonight's 7:30 p.m. volleyball game. There will also be an on-field presentation at halftime of tomorrow's football game with UNC.

Jackets break Auburn winning streak

By William Bretherton
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Silence. That was the sound of more than 80,000 Auburn fans as they poured out of Jordan-Hare Stadium last Saturday. For the second time in a row, the Jackets claimed the upset victory over the Tigers.

A solid offensive performance for the Jackets and key interceptions for the defense helped propel Tech to the 23-14 victory.

"It's very satisfying, especially everybody pulling against us and these guys having a 15-game winning streak.... So it's great to come in here on the opening game and beat them on their own field," sophomore receiver Calvin Johnson said after the game.

Going into Tech's Saturday match up with Auburn, attention was focused squarely on the two teams' quarterbacks. One was Reggie Ball, whose potential was obvious, but whose inconsistency has been a major source of frustration. The other was Auburn's Brandon Cox, a talented but inexperienced player who was facing his first start of his career.

It took just a few series of the game to see which quarterback would come out on top.

"We just came out here and executed, stuck with the game plan. We knew what we wanted to do. We got the job up front and outside with the passing game, and good things happened when you got that done," Ball said.



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With the Jackets leading 17-14 and Auburn driving for a touchdown, senior safety Dawan Landry intercepts the Brandon Cox pass on the Tech three yard line to prevent the Tigers from scoring.

The Jackets scored on each of their first two possessions. Ball keyed the attack, completing eight of 10 passes for 101 yards, plus 17 yards rushing in the first quarter.

Just two and a half minutes into the game, Ball capped off an ef-

ficient first drive by lobbing a high, 35-yard pass into the outstretched arms of Calvin Johnson, who managed to stay inside the pylon for a touchdown.

"He [Ball] put the ball in a great spot, where the DB couldn't get to it.

So only I could get to it. I caught it and got six for it," Johnson said.

The next time Tech had the ball, they marched 64 yards on 12 plays before stalling 15 yards shy of the end

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Young players shine in Arizona



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Despite sustaining a broken pinkie finger during pre-season practice, sophomore middle hitter Nikki Kaminskas still saw action Saturday.

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Ranked No. 20 in the nation, Tech's volleyball team went 1-2 this past weekend in Arizona. After losing to Northwestern and Arizona, the team fought back against Winthrop, defeating the Eagles 3-1.

Tech dropped their first match in three games to the Northwestern Wildcats 34-32, 30-28, 30-23.

"We had individual brightspots today, but as a team need to come together and compete a little harder. We would make strong pushes, but then not respond when Northwestern competed," Head Coach Bond

Shymansky said, as reported by ramblinwreck.com.

"Callie Miller was impressive in her freshman debut and we know that she's going to be a great middle for us in the future and Talisa Kellogg and Laura DeMichelis, as our two outside hitters produced pretty well," Shymansky said.

"They've each had some pressure to respond to, but are showing signs of what we can expect out of those positions."

Miller recorded 11 kills with a .179 attack average. Kellogg was the match leader with 14 kills.

DeMichelis played in two games of the first match and recorded eight kills and had three digs.

The second match saw the Jackets face No. 17 Arizona. The Jackets fell in three games 30-21, 30-24, 30-24.

"This was a tough match for us tonight and Arizona played awfully well," Shymansky said. "In game two, we did a much better job of running our offense and staying in system and I was pleased with the way that Jennifer Randall anchored our defense. We are playing well, but really need to cut down on our errors to become a good team."

Sophomore Ulrike Stegemann led the Jackets with 10 kills, and Kellogg recorded nine.

After its two previous losses, the team was able to unite against

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Cross country looks to become ACC contender, opens season tomorrow

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The Tech cross country teams open the season tomorrow at the Mercer Atlanta Cross Country meet after rebounding from a tough, injury-filled season a year ago. The men's team looks to improve on their No. 8 finish at the ACC Championships, while the women's team will try to improve on their No. 10 finish at that meet.

The men's cross country team lost two valuable runners from last year's team in Kyle Rabbitt and Neil McDonough. Rabbitt was an All-ACC runner last year. McDonough was the top runner at the NCAA South Regional with a time of 31:16 in the 10 km.

This year's men's team will be lead by seniors Rob Kuhn and Adam Jones, as well as junior David Herren. The women's team is anchored by juniors Mary Chind, Ann Armsby and Kirby Cross.

Cross is returning this year after sitting out last year due to injury. The women face a change this year as they will be racing at a distance of 6 km, a change from last year's 5 km distance.



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The Jacket cross country team runs the first of four regular-season meets tomorrow.

The men's and women's teams look to improve their rankings in the ACC, a conference which will be even tougher with the addition of Boston College, a perennial top-25 team.

"We want to be in the top half of the conference," said cross country coach Alan Drosky,

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